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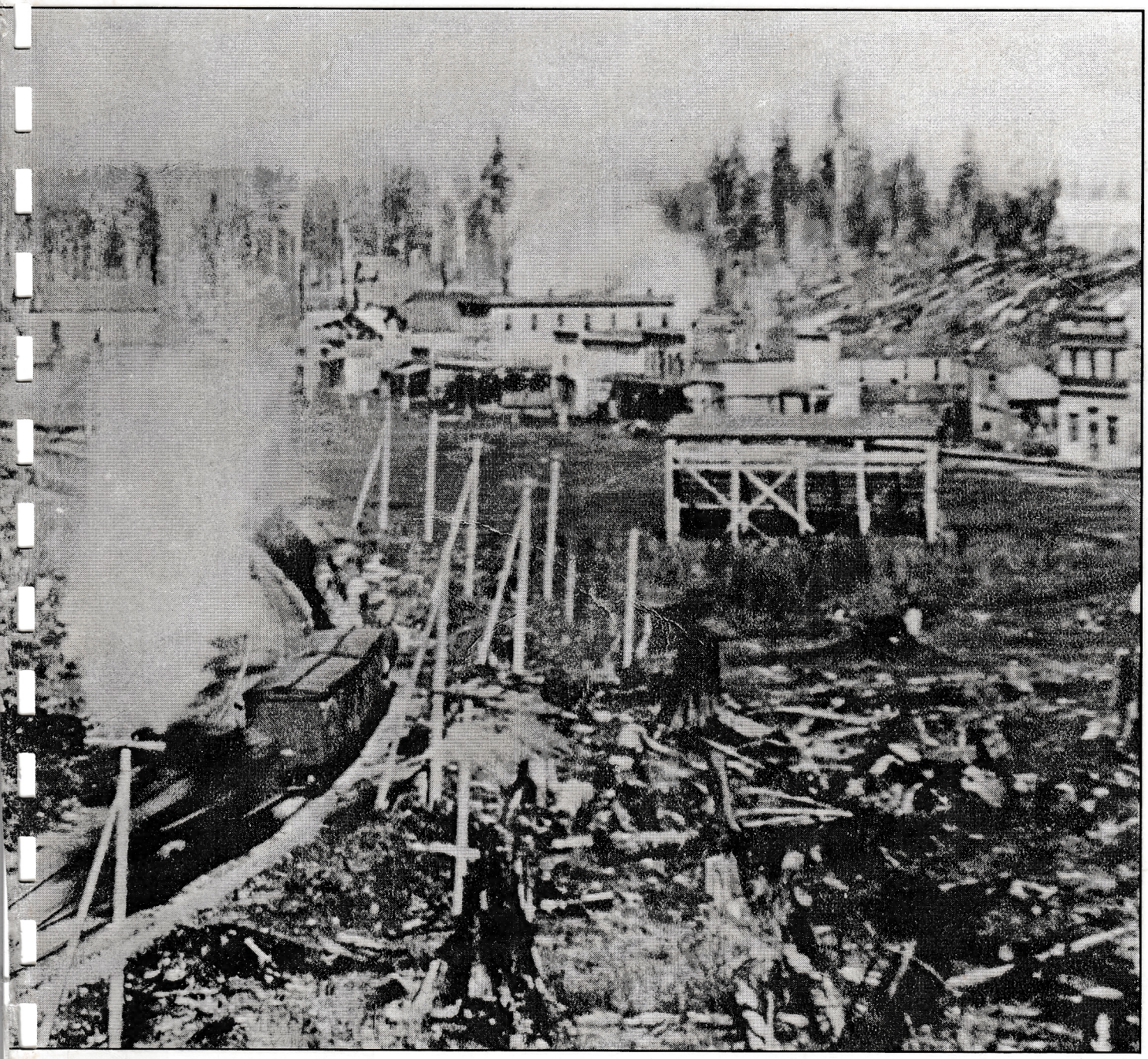

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Arlington is situated at the junction of the North and South Forks of the Stillaguamish River, nestled at the base of the Cascade Mountains. This community evolved from a tiny settlement named "Haller City" and grown into a small rural town with parks businesses, manufacturing companies and a busy municipal airport. Its first population of 800 has grown to over 13,000.

Found on the pages of the *Arlington Centennial Pictorial History* are important facts documenting our milestones, honoring our pioneers and preserving the ordinary characteristics of day to day living in Arlington over the last 100 plus years.

Arlington's Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society is to be commended for the countless hours spent compiling valuable history for the pages of this book. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for all their hard work. I'm proud to introduce this invaluable pictorial history to help preserve Arlington's heritage and to say, "Happy Birthday Arlington!"

Bob Kraski, Mayor
City of Arlington
2003

Introduction

When the Centennial Committe began planning celebration activities for Arlington's first 100 years, a pictorial look-back into the local history was suggested. With the professional assistance and publication expertise of Dave and Lynda Rygmyr of Oso Publishing Company, the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society's Publication Committee reviewed hundreds of historical pictures, made available by the Pioneer Museum, and from personal collections. Research data for many of these images and items were gathered through local interviews and the annuals of *The Arlington Times*.

It is our greatest wish that you will enjoy visiting the early-days of the Stillaquamish Valley, with trees so magnificent in size that the pioneers must have been awe struck. Let us introduce you to the logging industry, as men with strong backs and even stronger wills harvested the forests. Feel the power of huge locomotives, as they haul their bounty to market. Take a glimpse at the farmers and dairymen, who dealt with the land's destruction after the loggers moved on, making the fertile river valley produce and yield. Walk down the streets of first Haller City and then Arlington meeting those businessmen and women who had a vision. Visit their homes and families along the way. Be witness to the changes and building of a fine community...one we can all be proud of.

The pictures were not selected for the families involved, but for the subject matter, giving a more complete overview of a town's growth. Great care has been taken in the documentation and depiction of Arlington's birth and progress. No town is without conflict, challenges, and adversity, but these issues have been left for another time.

Mary Jo. V. Trudeau
Publications Chairman, SVGS

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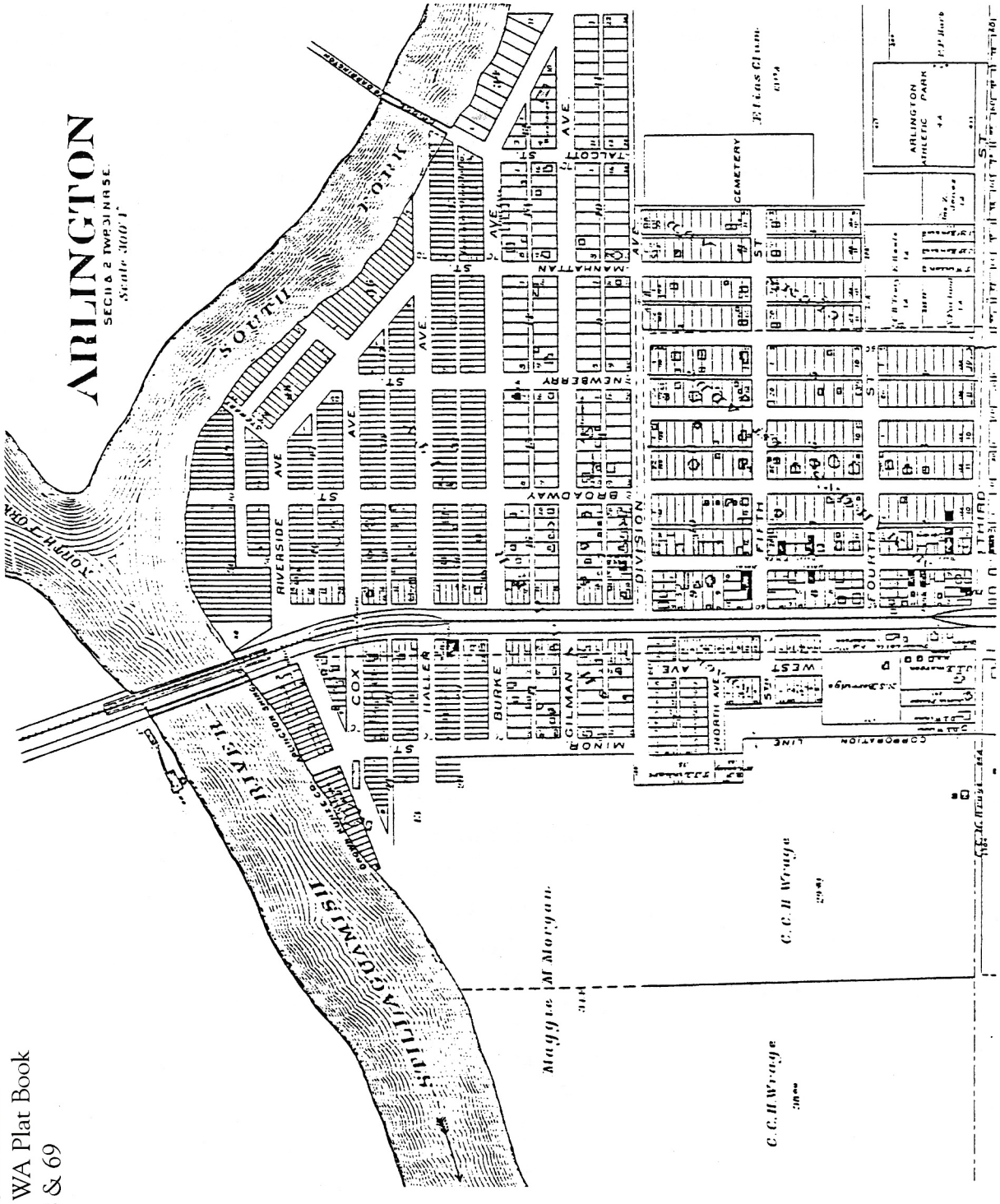

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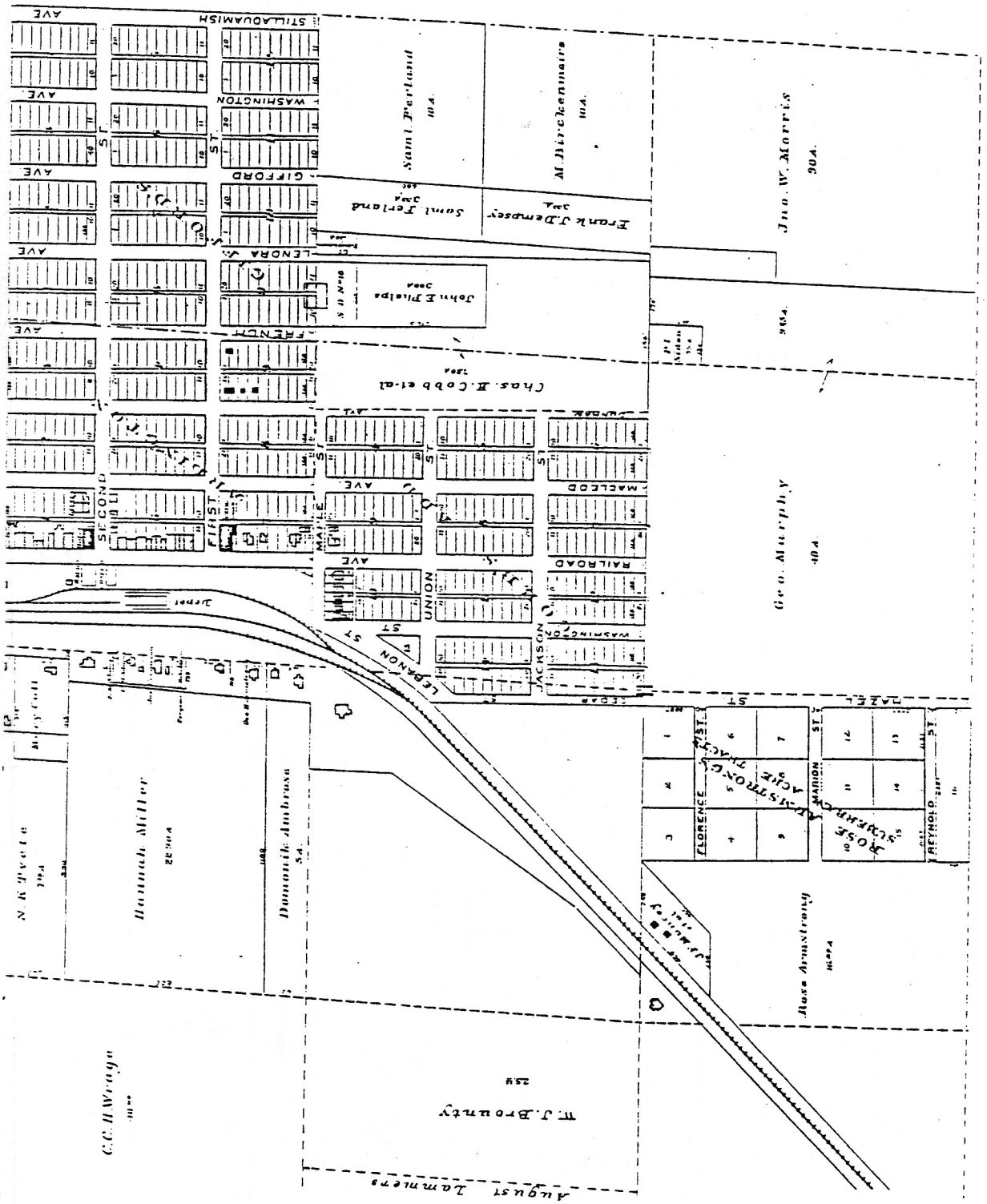
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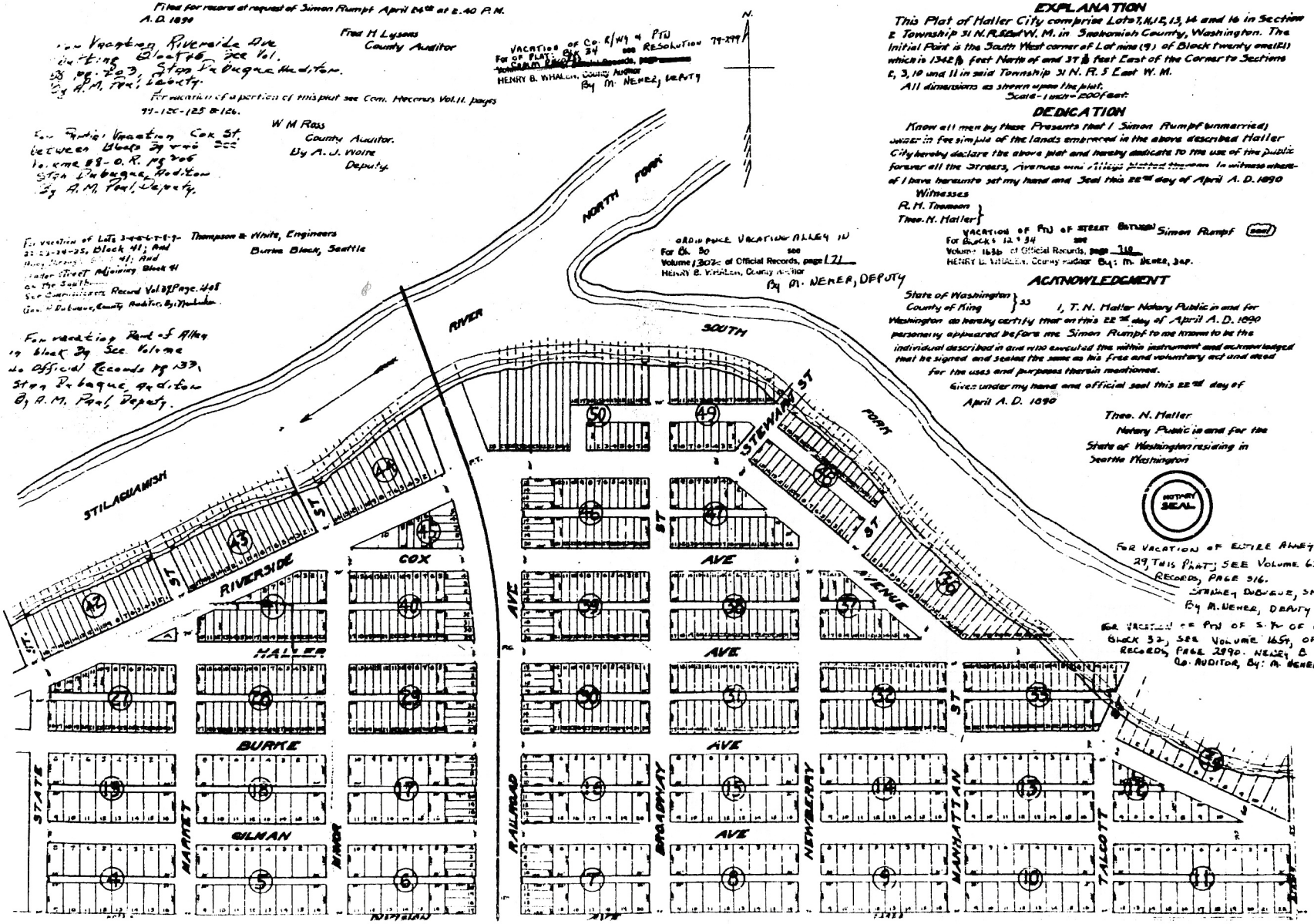

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EXPLANATION

This Plat of Haller City comprise Lots 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 in Section 2 Township 31 N. R. 5 East W. M. in Snohomish County, Washington. The Initial Point is the South West corner of Lot nine (9) of Block twenty one (21) which is 1342 feet North of and 37 feet East of the Corner to Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11 in said Township 31 N. R. 5 East W. M.

All dimensions as shown upon the plat.

Scale - 1 inch = 200 feet

DEDICATION

Know all men by these Presents that I Simon Rumpf (unmarried) owner in fee simple of the lands embraced in the above described Haller City hereby declare the above plat and hereby dedicate to the use of the public forever all the Streets, Avenues and Alleys platted thereon. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 22nd day of April A. D. 1890

Witnesses
R. M. Thomson
Theo. N. Haller

Simon Rumpf (seal)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Washington } ss
County of King }

I, T. N. Haller Notary Public in and for Washington do hereby certify that on this 22nd day of April A. D. 1890 personally appeared before me Simon Rumpf to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged that he signed and sealed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and official seal this 22nd day of April A. D. 1890

Theo. N. Haller
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington residing in Seattle Washington

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FOR VACATION OF ENTIRE ALLEY IN BLOCK 29, THIS PLAT; SEE VOLUME 635, OFFICIAL RECORDS, PAGE 316. STANLEY DUBUQUE, SNOHOMISH CO. AUD. By R. NEHER, DEPUTY

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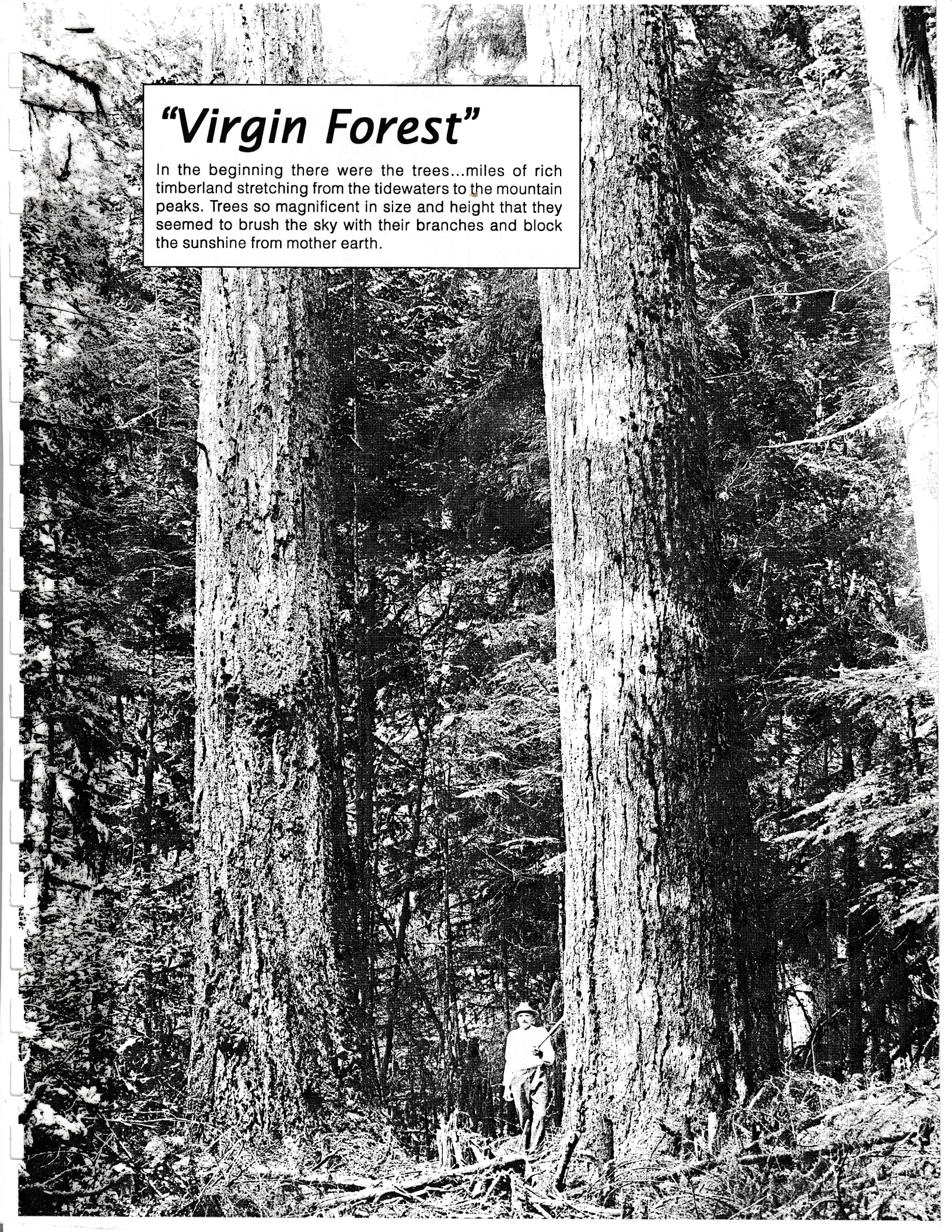


"Virgin Forest"

In the beginning there were the trees...miles of rich timberland stretching from the tidewaters to the mountain peaks. Trees so magnificent in size and height that they seemed to brush the sky with their branches and block the sunshine from mother earth.

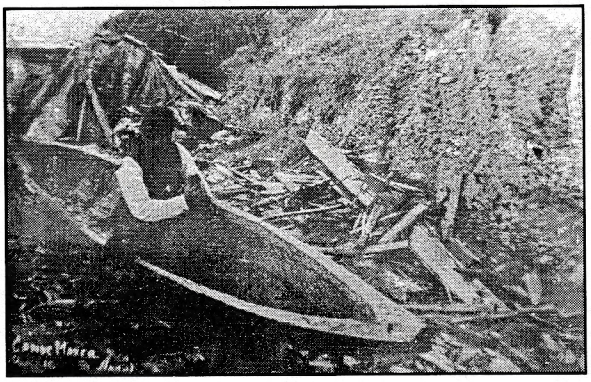
The First People

At the time of the Treaty of Point Elliott the local Stillaguamish Indians were also known as the Stoluckquamish (peaceful river people), Steilaguamish and Whetlam-amish natives. The name Stillaguamish has only been used since about 1850. This tribe occupied the territory from Milltown (north of Stanwood) to McMurray, east to the town of Darrington, south to the Stillaguamish watershed, northeast to Granite Falls, northwest towards Warm Beach taking in Port Susan.

Samuel Hancock was one of the first pioneer settlers to have contact with the Stillaguamish Indians during the summer of 1850 while visiting a coal vein on the Stillaguamish River. He related that the local natives had at that time very little contact with the whites. The lack of explorers was very likely due to the river's swift currents and the difficulties encountered on the river with the numerous large jams of logs and debris. It was necessary to portage the canoes at many spots while traveling the river.

The Stillaguamish Indians were expert canoe men and self sufficient due to the abundance of fish, wild life and berries. It wasn't necessary for them to leave their territory. The river was their life and provided their every need. They lived in villages constructed of cedar planked longhouses along the north and south forks of the Stillaguamish River as well as many of its tributaries. It took 40 to 50 men three or four months to erect these structures. The large buildings housed many families, with each family owning its section of the house. The tribe had many villages, hunting and fishing camps and burial grounds along the river. This was their native land and heritage.

When the white people discovered this watercourse and yearned to know what was around the next bend it was the Indians they went to. Many of our pioneers and the soldiers of fortune were escorted up the river with their possessions in an Indian dugout canoe and helped to find their way by an Indian guide.



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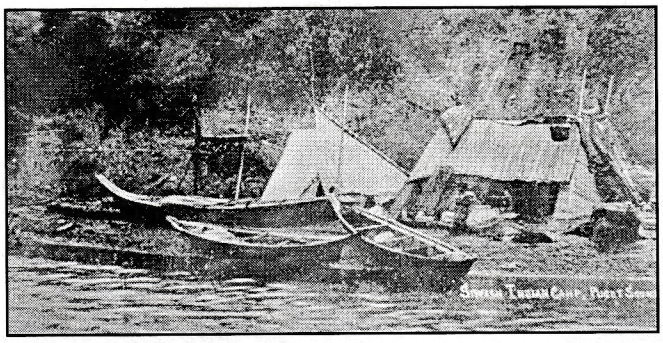
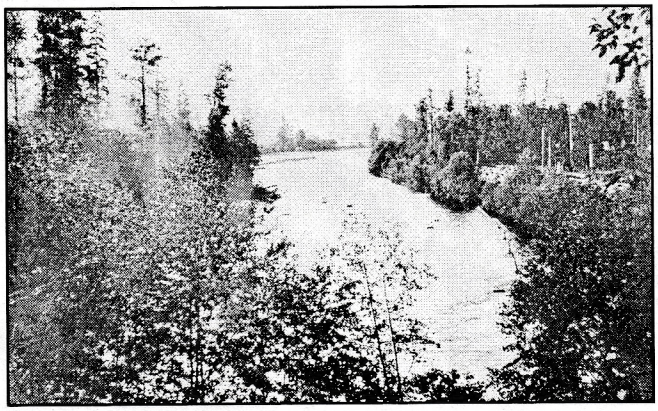
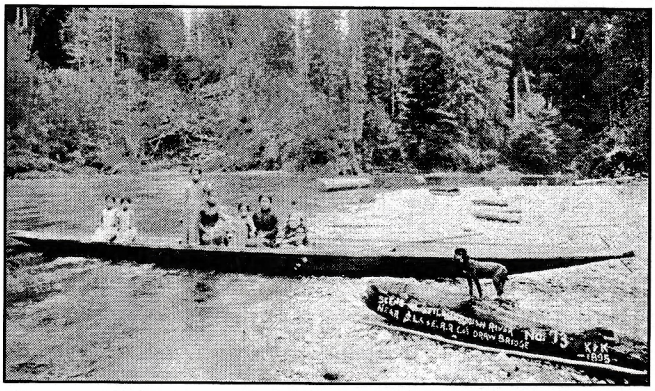


Siwash Indian camp on Puget Sound.

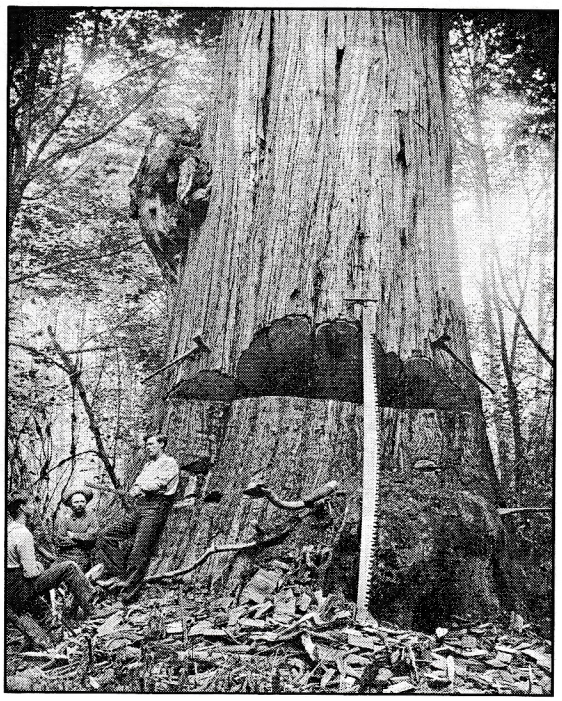


Stillaguamish River in the early days.

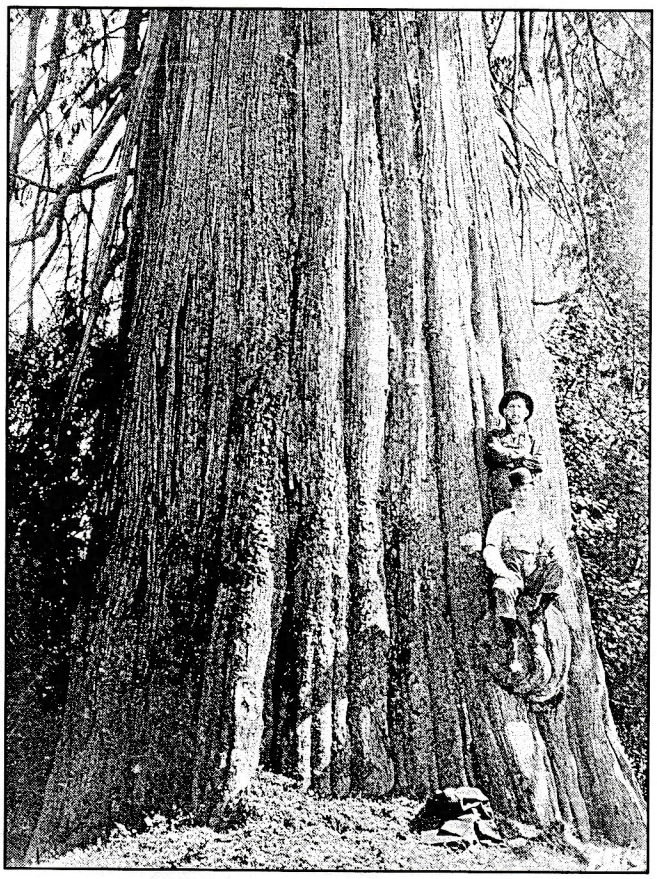
Stand of Timber



An indian family in a dugout canoe on the shore of the Stillaguamish river.

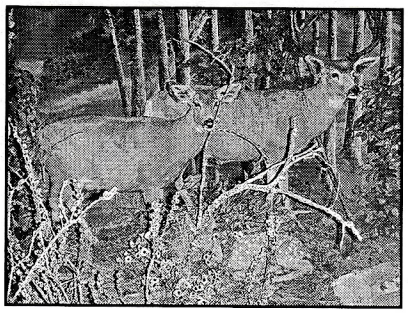


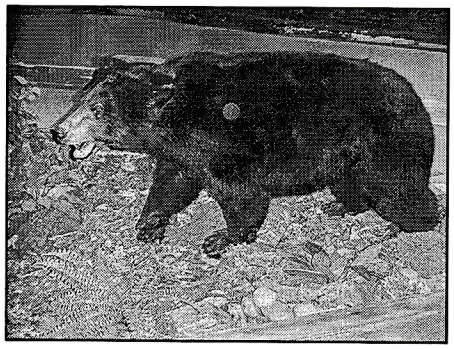
One of our homegrown cedar trees in the Stillaguamish Valley. The gentleman in the center is Joe Kraetz. Notice the crosscut saw and ax.

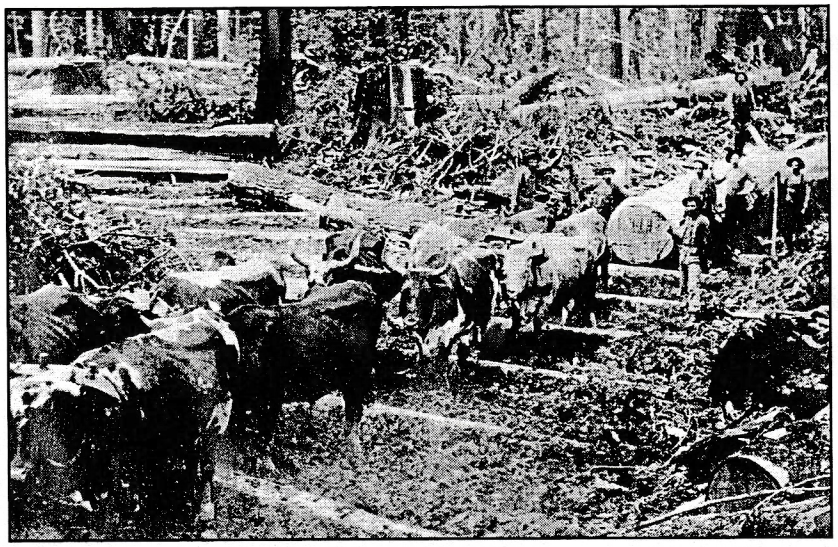


Two gentlemen rest on the gnarl of a 20-foot cedar tree.

A wagon trail was built in 1854 traveling south to north, coming through "the burn" south of Arlington, now named Burn Road for Charles Burns, an early explorer.







Verd/Sanders Logging Company, Bryant, WA – about1890s. Before the turn of the century, oxen were often man's best friends in the woods and on the farm. Oxen complete with yokes, chains and cables, provided the "horse-power" that helped to clear much of the land.

HEADING FOR THE HILLS – A look at a typical pack train getting ready to leave in front of the Charles E. Moore store, Darrington.

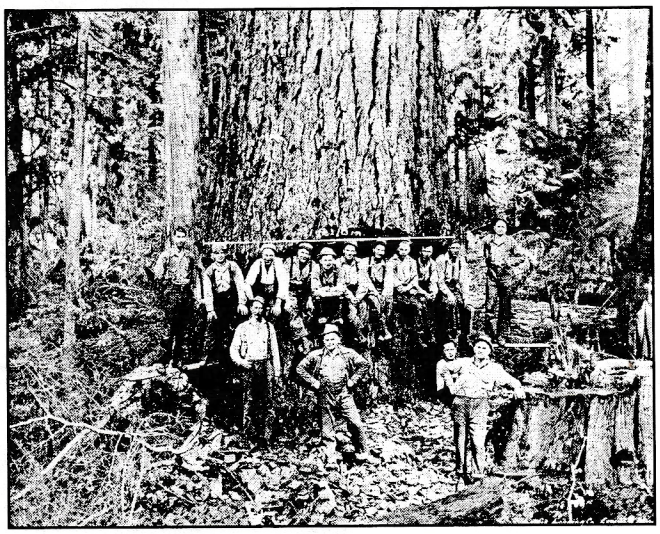
Largest fir in Washington being sized up by two gents at Lake McMurray about 1909.

Early Logging in the Valley

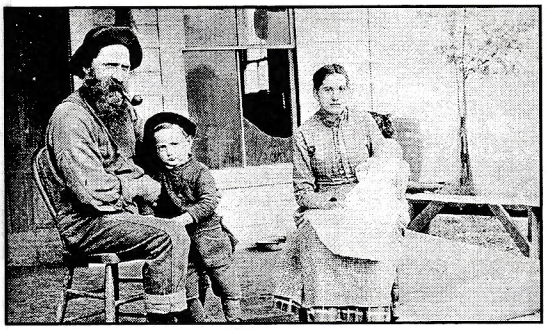
When a scarcity of trees in the eastern United States drove loggers and millers to the Pacific Northwest and the fertile Stillaguamish Valley, they couldn't believe their eyes. As far as you could see, from the highest mountain peak to the edges of the Stillaguamish River, was a magnificent forest with thick undergrowth.

Operations on the Stillaguamish opened with Thomas Runnels' camp in East Stanwood. From there logging worked its way up the river. With the land being cleared came the frequent logjams made by the amount of timber and stumps being dumped into the river to float down to Silvana and Stanwood. In 1887, a big logjam was removed from the river to allow river logging to commence. This obstruction was east about one or two miles from Silvana. Loggers who worked deep in the forest created skid roads using tools and oxen and mules to drag logs down trails to the river. Others got their start by hand logging, felling the trees into the water or on the bank, then rolling the logs into the river bed with jacks (a powerful lift).

The Stillaguamish River has probably carried more cedar shingle bolts to market than any other stream in Western Washington, giving Arlington the name of "Shingle Capital of the World". Jasper Sill's camp on the Stillaguamish set records in the logging industry by putting 144,000 feet of logs into the river with one team of ten oxen. Four or five pairs of oxen were used for motive power in the standard camps. A crew consisted of a foreman, ox teamster, greaser, hook tender, hand skidder, swamper, barker, two sawyers, and three skid-road men.

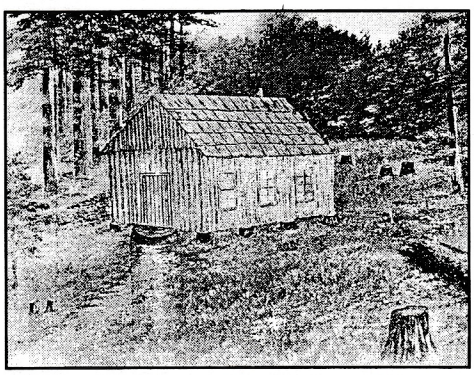


Eight men pose sitting in the undercut of a large tree measuring 11 ft, 10 inches in diameter. Another man is leaning on a large stump.

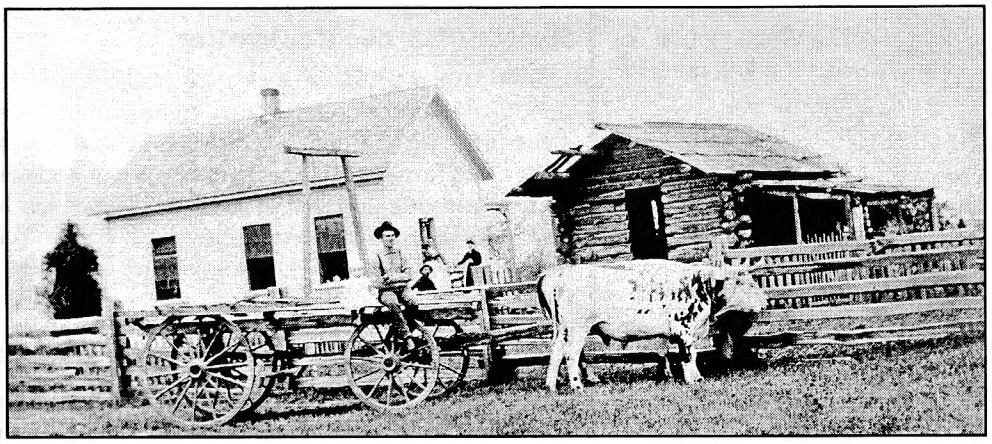


Left: Frank Kent and family were early pioneers and for whom Kent Prairie was named.

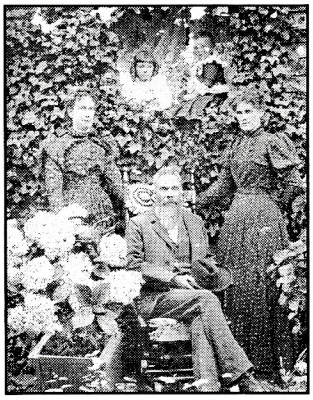
Right: Pencil sketch of Kent Prairie School.



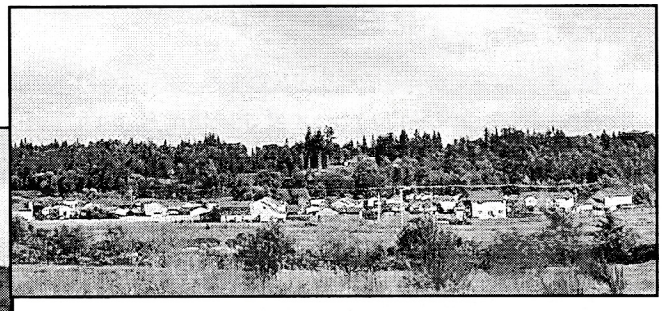
Along with the settlers and pioneer families came the need for education, no matter how limited. O. P. Cummins built the first area school on Kent Prairie during the winter of 1886 at a total cost of $150. Built of split cedar board walls, with a smoothed puncheon floor and shake roof from the Utsalady Mill, brought up the river on canoes and packed on mules one and half miles to the site. A round block of fir served as the front step. The new community was very proud of this accomplishment. John Condent, a Mormon, taught the first three-month term in the old "Prairie School," with twelve Indian and two white students.



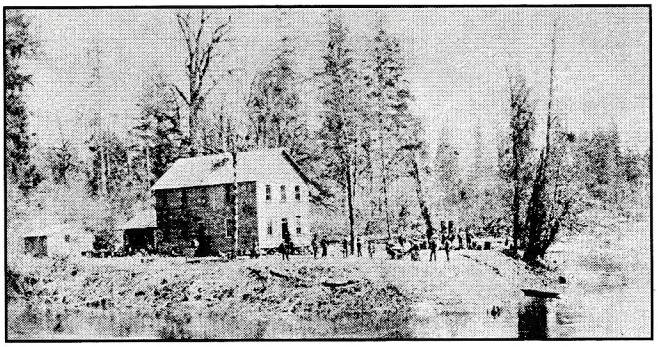
The log cabin is the first home built by Thomas Jensen in the Island District of the Stillaguamish Valley about 1878. The larger home, built about 1886 of lumber, for Thomas and his bride, Johanna, was located where I-5 Bridge crosses the river on the south side. Thomas Jensen owned the team of oxen. Dora Jensen Grimm sitting on the wagon with hired man. Johanna Jensen is standing in doorway and Martha Jensen is baby in the highchair, about 1889.



Taken at the D. S. Baker ranch in 1885 at North Fork. Mrs. D. S. Baker, D. S. Baker, Della (Baker) Brown, children – Cassie McGee and Chester McGee.



The landscape of Kent Prairie and the Jensen Ranch acreage has succumbed to houses and businesses off Highway #9.



The White House Hotel located at the junction of the north and south forks of the Stillaguamish River was built in the fall of 1889 by Al Dunsmore and Lee Rogers, local loggers. By1887 Lee and William Douglas had logged most of the timber along the river from the Forks area to the Kraetz farm, west of Arlington. Lee sold his interest in the hotel and settled on his homestead until he moved to Bremerton in 1923 – dying there in April 1925.

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WHITE HOUSE HOTEL
Fire Ropes, Fire Bells, Fire Extinguishers.
Felt Mattresses, Leggett Springs.
A Quiet House, Clean Beds and Good Table.
SAMPLE ROOMS
Meet All Trains. Nine-Foot Sheets.
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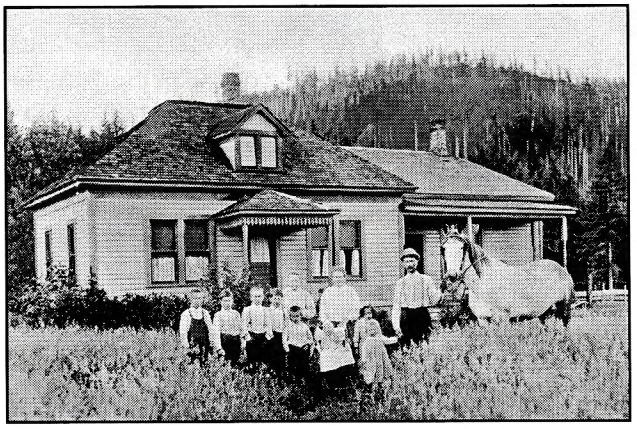
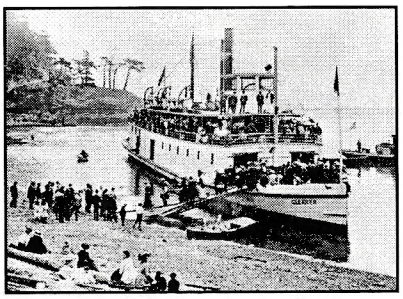
The White House was the first hotel in the vicinity, providing lodging and meals for loggers and travelers until 1897 when the rising river destroyed the hotel.



The Eliason family home at Jordan. Right to Left: Ole A. Eliason his faithful stead; daughters, Emma and Ruth standing in front; Mrs. Josephine (Peterson) Eliason behind infant in carriage, and Grandmother, Olava Holmstad. Small boy in front is Alfred. The four Eliason boys on the end are Albert the oldest, twins – Hildor & Theodore "Ted" and Elmer.

The original part of this house was built from the razed White House Hotel. The lumber used was brought from Arlington up the river by oxen team.



THE GLEANER, a small Stanwood built steamer was a popular vessel for outings around the Puget Sound.

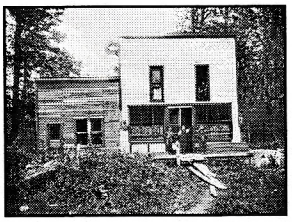
In 1888 the Gleaner traveled the Stillaguamish River going as far as a half-mile up the South Fork in 1888, thus keeping the river advertised as navigable. From Stanwood the steamer delivered goods and mail and made scheduled stops at the White House Hotel. Travel from the north county was done primarily on the Gleaner and two other ships, the Skagit Chief and the Skagit Belle, that made regular trips between Seattle and Mount Vernon, with stops at Stanwood.

Haller City the Beginning

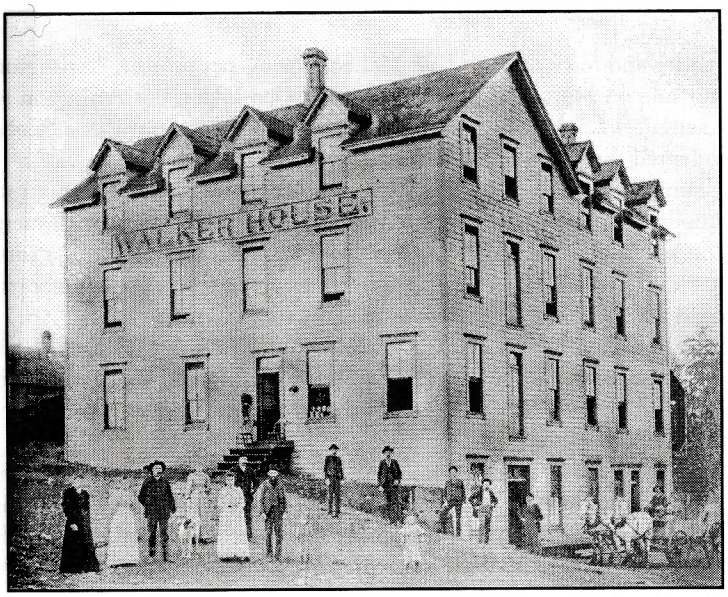
Seeing the need for supplies to be available further up the Stilly beyond Norman, Nils C. Johnson and Nels K. Tvete began their second store on land that would become Haller City. Mrs. Elise (Hagan) Johnson, a new bride came up river with the first load of goods and helped her husband open the store from a tiny shack in May of 1888 until their store building was completed. That same year Ira Preston settled on the "Big Burn" and helped to freight stock to the store. Joseph Smith in June 1888 applied for a post office establishment on his claim, known as Smithlyn.

G. Morris Haller[1] (AKA Maurice G.), a wealthy real estate speculator took an interest in land along the Stillagumaish River with a town in mind. He acquired property from John H. and Lizzie B. Irving, who had purchased it from Lewis H. Smith, the original patentee. Before G. Morris could finalize his adventure he was tragically drowned on a canoe trip to Whidbey Island in December 1889. His brother, Theodore Haller and his parents, Granville O. and Henrietta continued with the plans and the town site was platted and filed April 24, 1890. They named Haller City in memory of G. Morris. The title passed to Simon Rumph, and in 1892 to Charles B. Hills.

[1] G. Morris Haller, taken from documents, "The Abstract of Tile of Haller City, Snohomish County, WA," dated May 2, 1889.



Right: N. K. Tvete & Nils C. Johnson Store at "The Forks" later named Haller City.



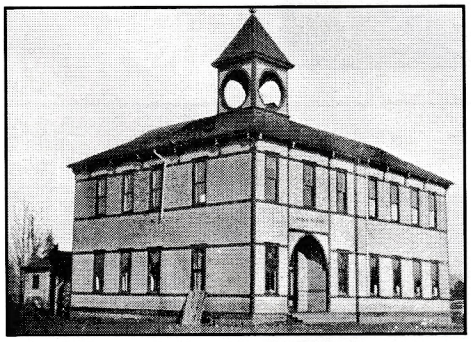
THE WALKER HOUSE HOTEL. Left to Right: First man is Patrick John Cull, Proprietor (4-2-1846 /11-8-1908), second man is Charles Marshall- would become Mary Cull's second husband, and third lady is Mary Rachel Cull Marshall (12-21-1858 / 2-28-1933). This photo was taken in 1891.

Ed Walker built the four story hotel in 1890, south of the Haller Bridge, near the site of the present (2003) city water plant. Loggers, railroad men and people who worked in the area filled the first floor rooms before the building was completed. The lower level consisted of the dining rooms, kitchen and a barroom run by E.A. Hill. The upper three floors were hotel rooms. The Walker House hosted the area's first masked ball and soon became a very popular location for social gatherings. Fire destroyed the hotel in June 1913.

HALLER CITY STORE OF W. F. MCQUESTIN, pictured left to right: Robert Bannister, Tom Drake, W. F. McQuestin, I. Pearson, H. McGarcie, R. L. Wallis and Indians include Susie, Henry and Jimmy Dorsey. (1891)

Fred and Archie Bannister. Archie homesteaded at Haller City, in 1889.

Students with teacher, Mrs. Mertella C. Teagar, standing in front of Teagar's Drugstore & Post Office in Haller City. Some of the students were Ted Brounty, Elmer Mose and LeRoy Mose.



The Lincoln School built 1894 in Haller City at Burke and Haller (east of Thrifty Foods/Food Pavilion-2003) continued with the education of local children that Mrs. Teagar had begun. The building started with two rooms and grew to four. In 1897 Professor Croxford and Miss Hannah McDonald taught sixty students.

The Bustling Town of Haller City

Haller City grew rapidly. Two saloons were built. A. L. Blair put up a shed for team accommodations and provided hay and feed. The McQuestin store was built in 1891 by George McQuestin for his brother, Walter Fred, located near the Ben Oberg place. This was the first store that carried groceries that were brought up the river by canoe and later by steamer. Tom Roe built a four-story hotel near the store. Ted Brounty had the meat market and Chris Duer owned the shoe store. Dr. Calvin Teagar was postmaster, doctor, and dentist and with his wife, Mertella C. opened Teagar's Drugstore. Mrs. Teagar started the first Haller City School in 1881 in the back of the storeroom.

In 1889 George Morrell came from Stanwood with "The Times" [2] newspaper and published it from a shack on the Lewis Smith land. Several homes were built and occupied. Haller City, with her magnificent stores, could have supplied the entire Stillaguamish Valley. Life looked good.

[2] The Stanwood Story, Vol. #1, page13, by Alice Essex.

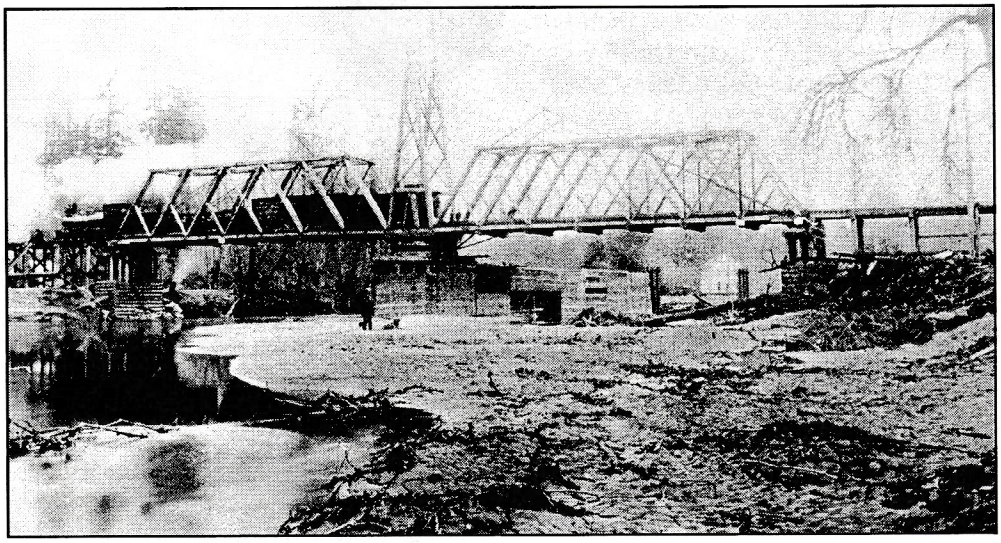
The Beginning of Arlington

On January 25, 1890 Al Gifford sold between thirty and forty acres to J.W. McLeod for his pet project, "Arlington". The townsite was platted, named and lots were for sale on March 15, 1890. Haller City was older, but Arlington was platted one month earlier. McLeod named his town after Lord Henry Arlington, a member of the notorious "Cabal" cabinet of Charles II of England. John W. Morris cleared the roadway for Railroad Ave.

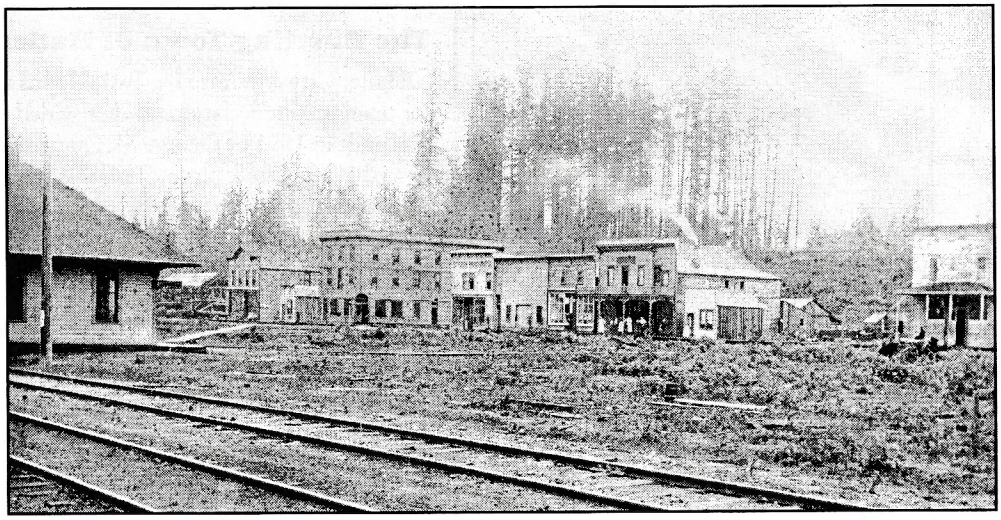
A forty-acre tract held by two rival claimants, Thomas McMahon and Philander Stevens divided the Twin Cities of Haller City and Arlington. The unsettled legal condition of this land made it impossible for the two towns to merge. McMahon bought Stevens out and the McMahon addition was filed on September 14, 1891, making unity a future possibility. Meanwhile, J.W. McLeod, A. B. Palmer and Thomas Moran being railroad men and the prime promoters of Arlington may have influenced the railroad to locate the depot at Arlington instead of Haller City.

Built a mile at a time, with small capital, the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern Railroad moved north from Seattle with the first construction train reaching Arlington on June 13, 1890, followed on July 23 by the first freight train. In October the express office opened in the new depot. The railroad built the first bridge over the river. The Northern Pacific took over the line in 1891 and another depot was built many years later.

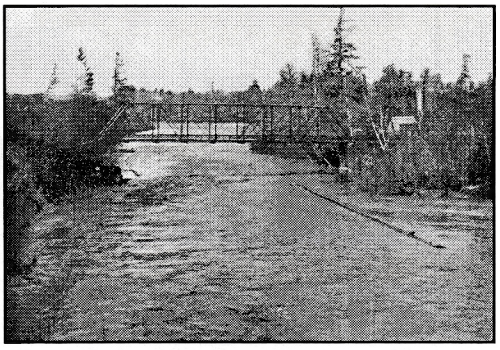
Thomas Moran opened a tent café, but Haller City offered the only overnight lodging. Earl & McLeod's store opened for business, as did F. P. Bonney's saloon. It wasn't long before Moran's three-story Arlington Hotel was serving food and renting rooms, he also started a hardware business. Two restaurants opened as well as John Z. Jones' general merchandise store. In November of 1890, W. M. Sanger opened the post office with daily mail runs. The two towns continued to grow side by side with the combined population of over 500 in 1893.



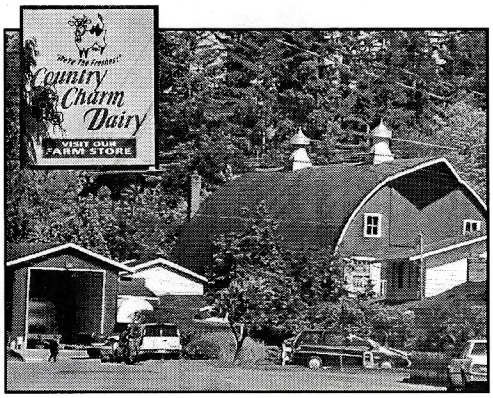
Looking east to the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern Railroad swing bridge in 1891. Bridge was built by the railroad 1889-1890 to accommodate vessels traveling up river. The home on the far left belonged to the bridge tender, Mr. Conderman. Notice the White House Hotel in the background.



Downtown Arlington, 1893. Left to right: 1) Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern Depot, 2) Tom Moran Hardware, 3) Arlington Town Site Office, 4) Arlington Hotel, 5) Earl & McLeod General Store, 6) Unknown, 7) Johnson Store, 8) St. Paul House, 9) L. N. Jones Law Office, 10) Depot Saloon. Note: the St. Paul House Hotel owned by logger G.A.Rae didn't host a saloon.



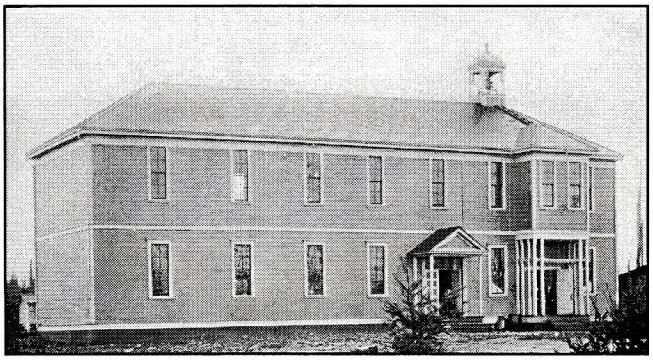
Early Lincoln Bridge spanning the Stillaguamish River.



Jasper Sill, from Ohio filed the plat for "Jewell City" on April 22, 1890. The plat contained four blocks, 48 lots. Post Middle School, Eagle Creek Elementary and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church are located on part of the Sill homestead. When the Lincoln school was torn down, the wood was used to build the Sill barn. This barn today is part of the County Charm Dairy business on E. Gilman Ave.

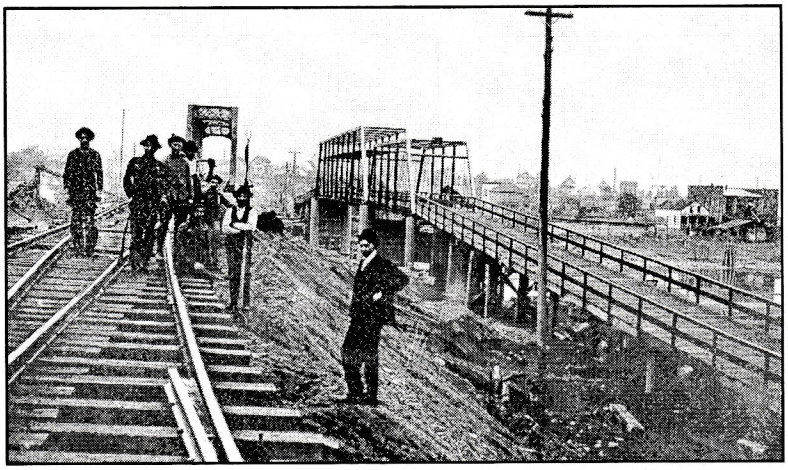
Jasper Sill was Postmaster of Jewell City in April 1890. Does anyone have a letter addressed to Jewell City? The post office was said to sit along the river above the old Lincoln Bridge. This post office was absorbed into Haller City and later into the Arlington postal system, being housed in Moran's Hardware – today's the Arlington Hardware building.

Arlington's first 4th of July celebration was held 1894. Local citizens enjoying a day of fun in front of the Odd Fellow's Hall, (built in 1892, burnt October 1894 and reopened in February 1895). The Maple tree was planted in 1891. Has anyone seen a Maple tree on the east side of Olympic?



Garfield School.

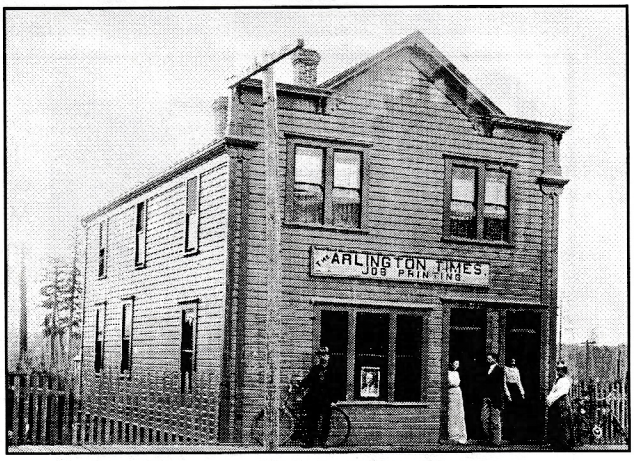
In January 1891 Al Gifford and Charles Cobb donated two acres of prime land to entice the Kent Prairie school to unite with Arlington...but, no go!! By 1893 the population had grown to the point that the Prairie school was too small and the two room Garfield building was built with two additions later completing the elementary school. From 1904 – 1907 high school classes were held in the structure.



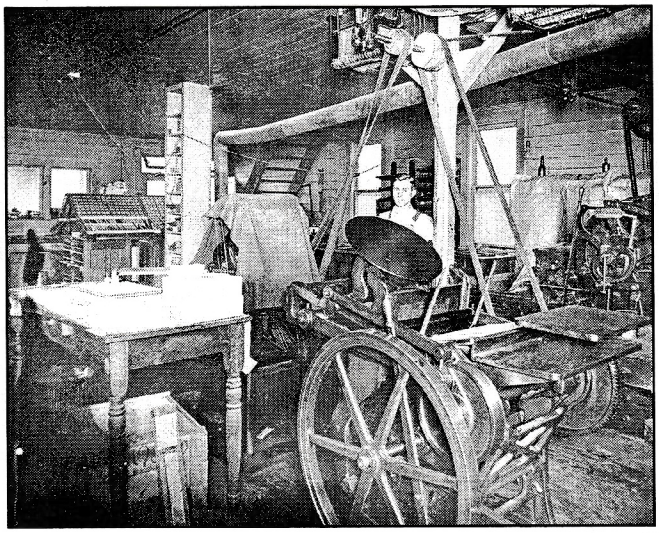
Northern Pacific Railroad bridge and county road bridge at Haller City - The Walker House Hotel sits on the hill between the bridges. Notice that the original wooden swing railroad bridge has been replaced with a steel bridge.

Haller City Newspaper History

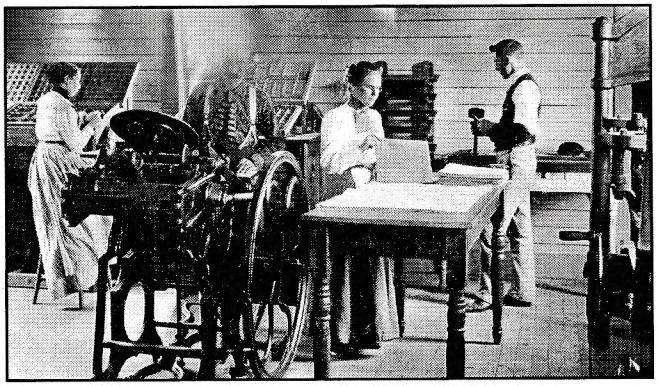
The first newspaper, "The Stillaguamish Star" began with its first edition on August 9, 1890, from a tent in Haller City, editor was William Sanger. In 1891 the paper was sold and name changed to "The Haller City Times" and operated by George Morrell for the main purpose of publishing land patents. He worked with very crude equipment in a bedroom of the Walker House Hotel in Haller City. Half of the newspaper's four pages were "ready print," supplied by a paper house and the other half, representing the paper's principal income, was "Final Proof": an eight-column page of fine type consisting of homestead notices and timber claim notices; the former at $5.00, the latter at $10.00.



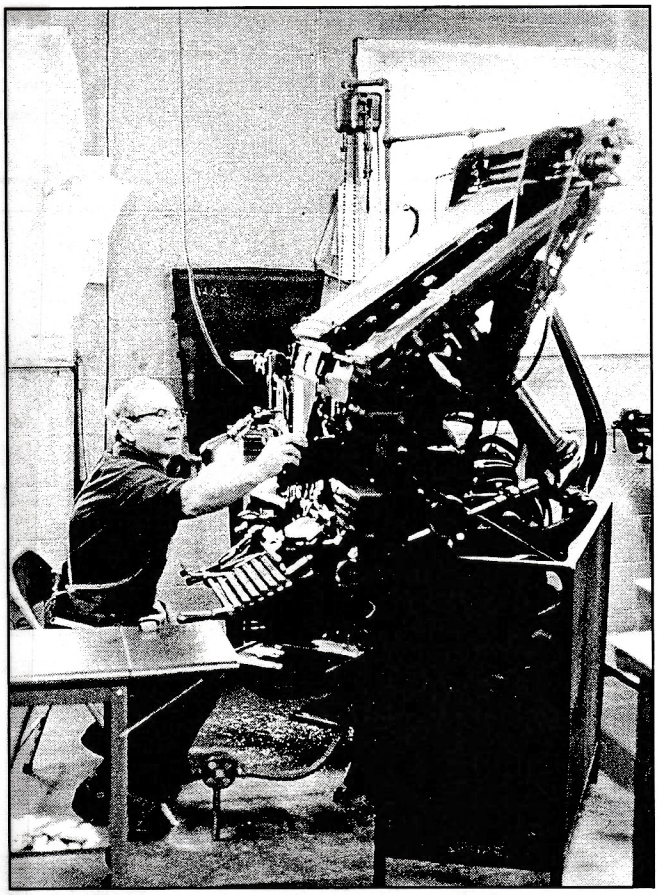
Arlington Times Office, built in 1899.



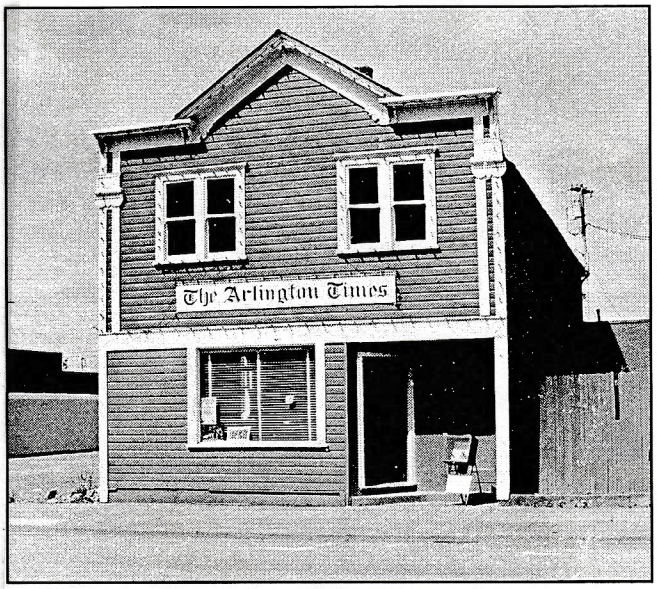
Inside of the Arlington Times building.



Press room of the Arlington Times. From left to right: Mrs. Lora B. Marsh, Walter McDougal, Grace Smith and Calvin L. Marsh.



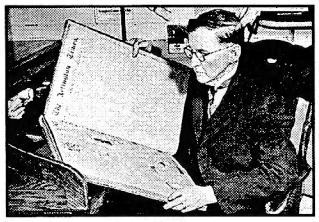
Frank Marsh at the Linotype at Arlington Times Office in the 1970's.



ARLINGTON TIMES BUILDING – 2000

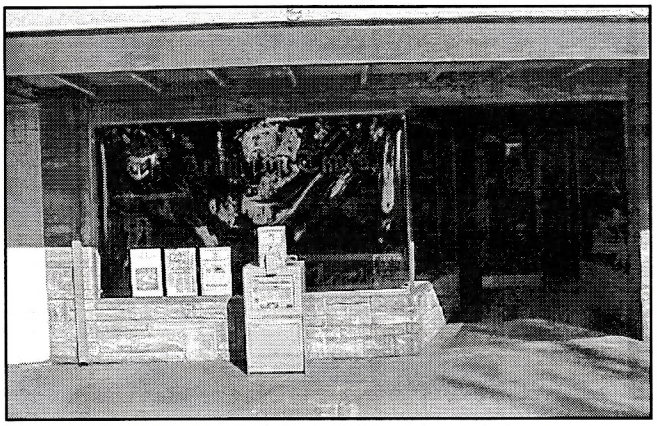
Arlington's Newspaper History

By 1893-94 the area's initial boom had flattened out and along with it, the buying and selling of land. George Morrell sold the paper to Calvin L. Marsh and Frank B. Davis. Davis more of a logger than a newspaper man sold his half to Marsh. The Haller City Times was moved in 1893 from Haller City to Arlington, but the name wasn't changed to The Arlington Times until 1897. In 1899 a two-story office building was erected, requiring the building of a boardwalk so the office could be reached without wading through the mud.



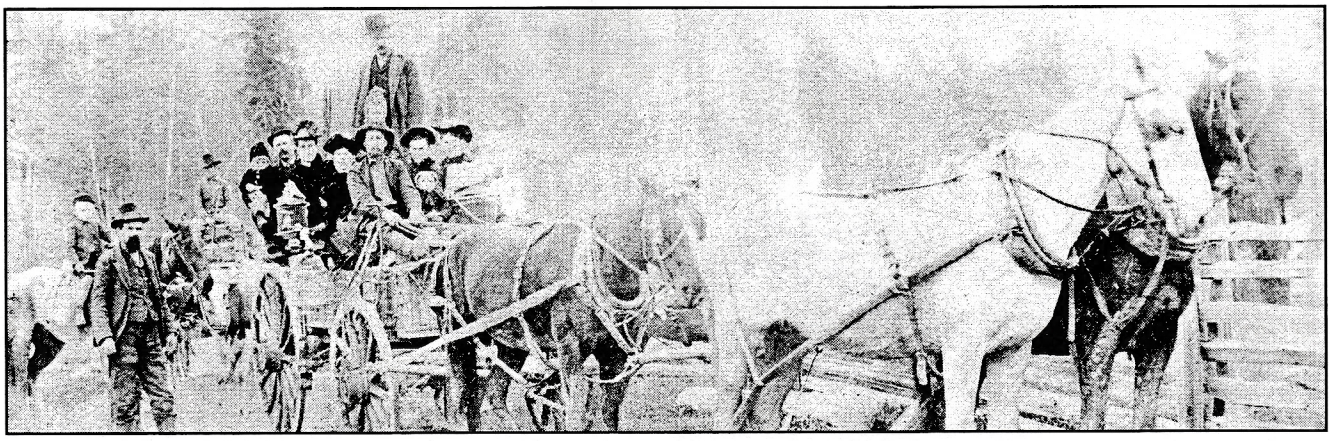
Cal Marsh, owner and former editor of the Arlington Times.

H. A. Clemens published The Arlington Tidings during 1907 and Wm. H. Ford and Fred J. Oeltjen published The Arlington Chronicle from 1911 – 1915. Chester W. Haskins was part owner and editor 1912 - 1913. On April 3, 1915 C. L. Marsh purchased the subscription list and the Chronicle's business, merging with the Arlington Times. In 1918 J. C. Carpenter bought an interest in the paper, and when Cal Marsh retired, the business, then including quite a modern plant was sold to Mr. Carpenter and Cal's son, Frank Marsh, the former becoming editor and the latter manager of the mechanical department. In 1964 the paper was sold to Wilson Publications and remained in the family through Sim Wilson, III. A number of years ago The Arlington Times and The Marysville Globe merged with Kristopher R. Passey editor and publisher. The office of The Arlington Times relocated to 123 N. Olympic Ave. in 2002, leaving the red historic "Times" building empty.

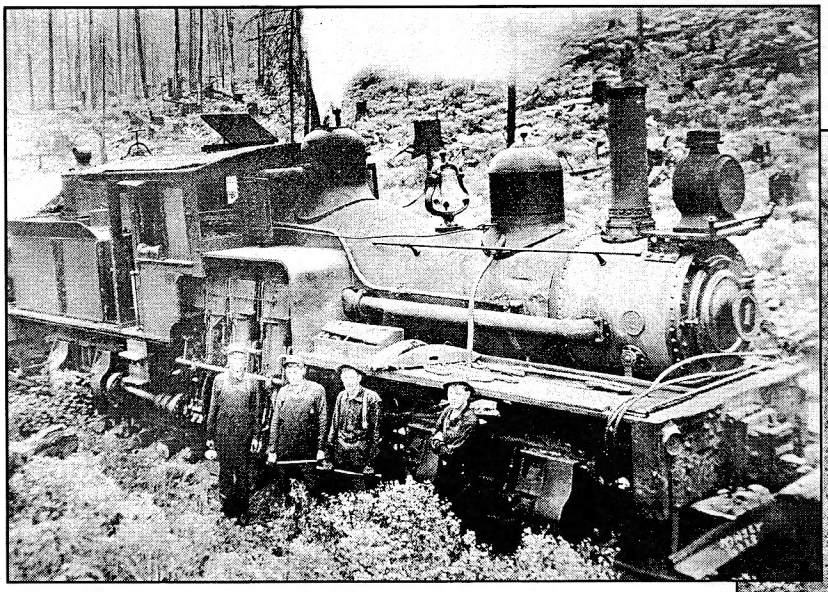


New Times office at 123 N.Olympic Avenue - 2003

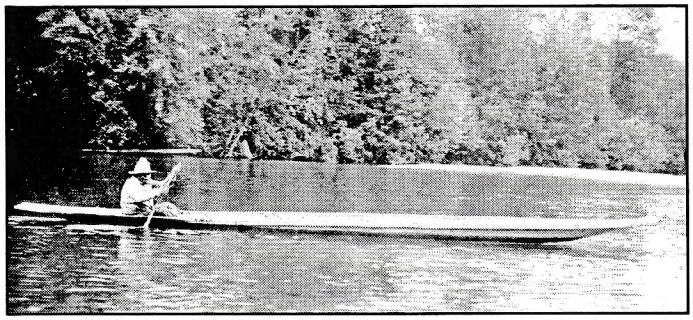
The Indians had a monopoly on the river for freighting and domestic travel, charging two bits to $10 per canoe load and doing quite a business with the growth up river. In 1889 it was decided that a wagon road was needed between Stanwood and "The Forks". A. L. Blair gaining full support from loggers and ranchers to accomplished this. Mr. Blair kept two ox teams busy moving goods, while Bert Crawford ran a wagon-stage line twice a week and a horse drawn freight express to Gifford's camp and to Tvete and Johnson's store.



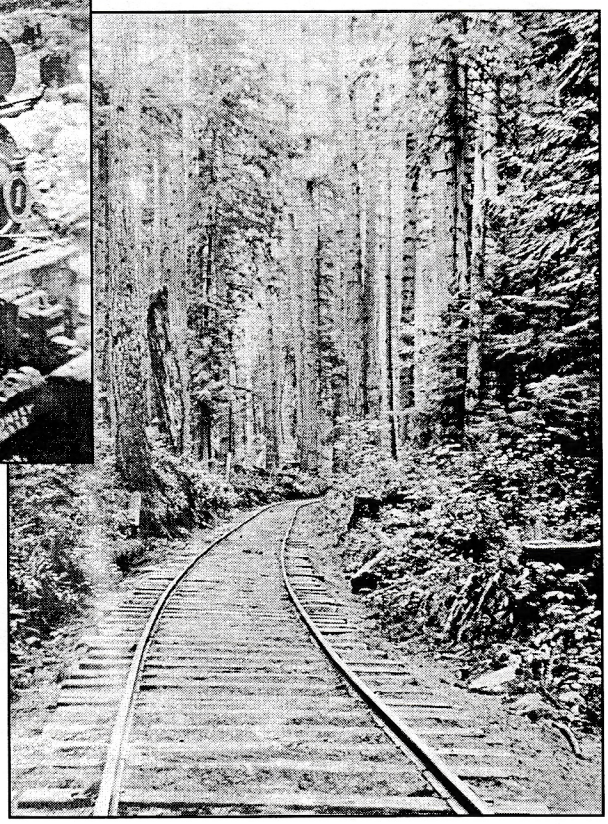
The Crawford Stage at Coach Slough Crossing, 1889. Mrs. Rose Armstrong is on the front seat holding a basket, A.L.Blair standing beside stage.



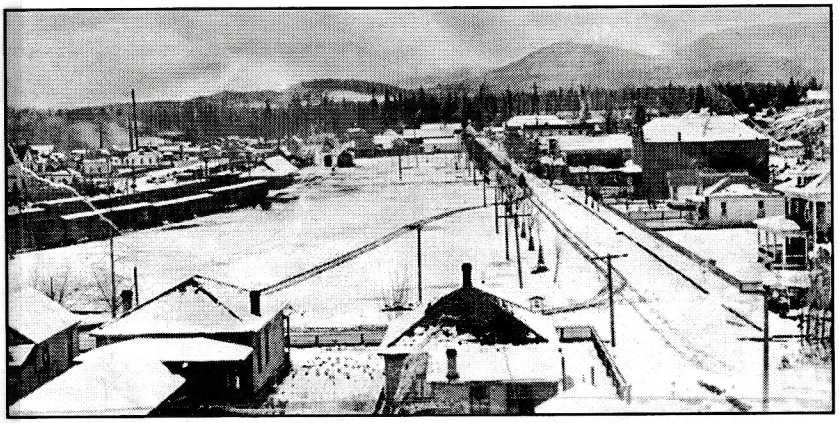
Shay Locomotive # 1 – Ebey Logging Company – Andrew Hovik far left.



Indian in a canoe on the Stillaguamish River.



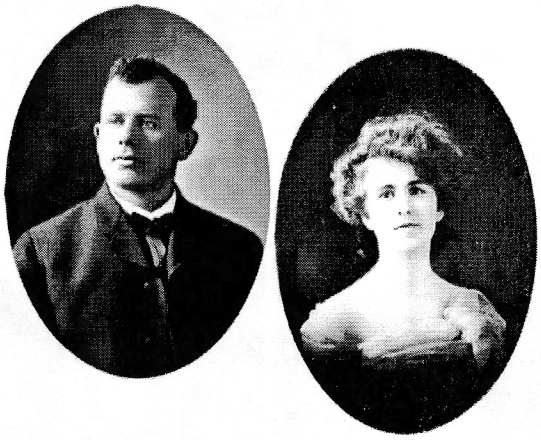
Rails into the woods at Bryant.



View from Murphy hill looking north on Railroad Ave. (Olympic Ave.) winter 1898. Notice on the far left the Commercial Hotel on West Ave., the train depot with a freight train, the Methodist Episcopal Church at the far end of Railroad Ave. and the Opera House on the far right after the two houses.

Exodus from Haller City

George Murphy's meat market was the first store to move from Haller City to Arlington in 1896 when the depot determined the center of the business district. It was placed on huge rollers, and relocated. By the end of 1899, virtually all of the commercial establishments were moved to Arlington. Haller Street near the river, Division Street (State Route #530) and the Haller bridge have survived as reminders of the twin cities.

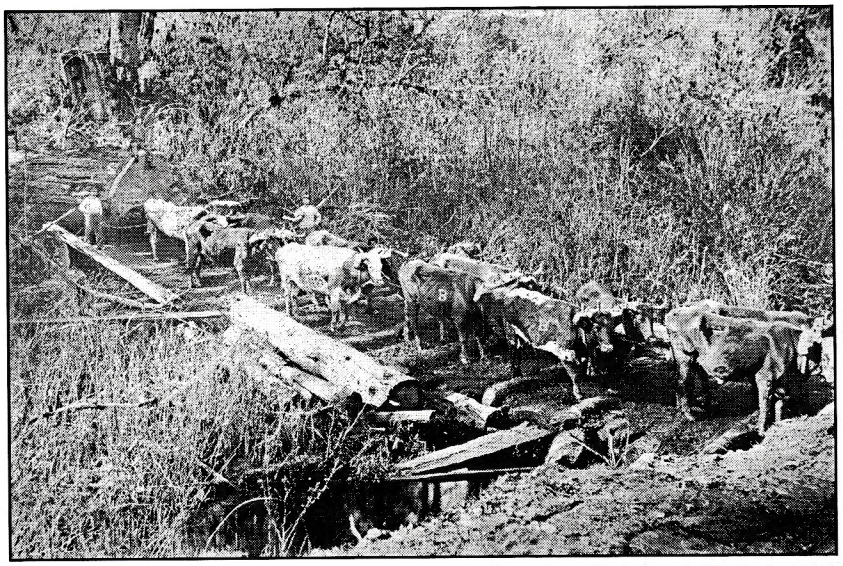


George and Mae Murphy. George was Fire Chief 1905-1906 and established the Murphy Feed Store, south of city hall. The building was torn down giving downtown more parking space.

Loyal Heights Schools. About 1911.

Peter Funk's Grocery and Candy store located on the south side of First and Olympic on the corner. Mary Funk Stowe, Peter's daughter, standing in front of candy store, about 1900.

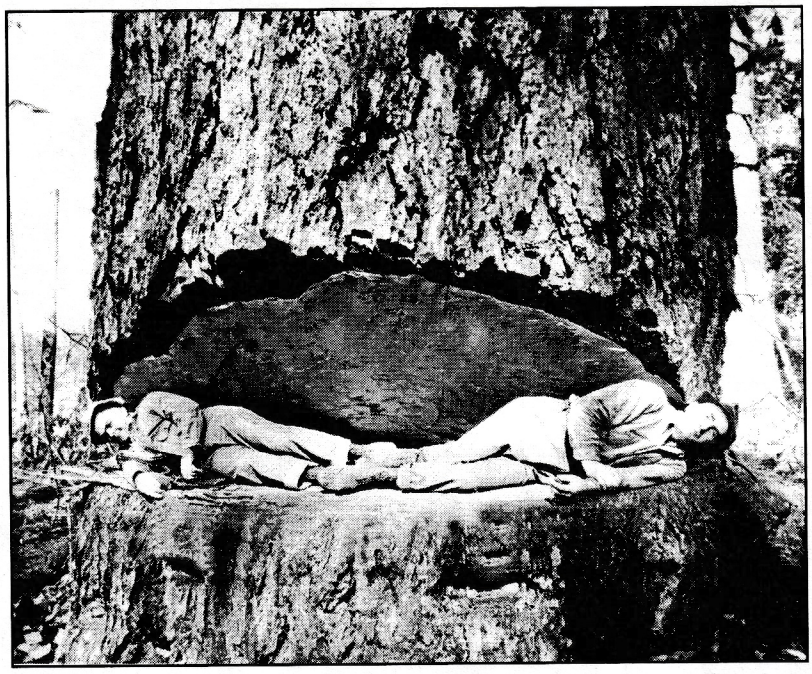
Peter Funk family. Left to Right: Frank, Peter, Gilbert on horse, Mary, 5 years old and Harriet Elizabeth Bannister Funk.



Twelve oxen chained together, carrying heavy, wooden yokes, drag a log from a fir tree 14 ft. in diameter over a wooden skid road. The oxen had as hard a life as the loggers themselves. After they were worn out and used up the oxen were butchered and fed to the crew. No reward for these fellows!!

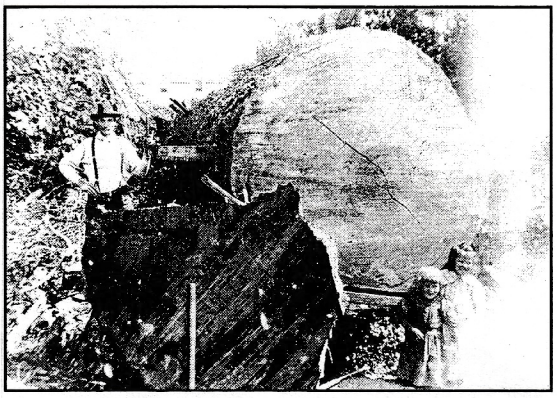
Indians were a familiar sight driving shingle bolts down the Stillaguamish River.

A group of shingle bolt cutters and packers at the Summit Mill Company.

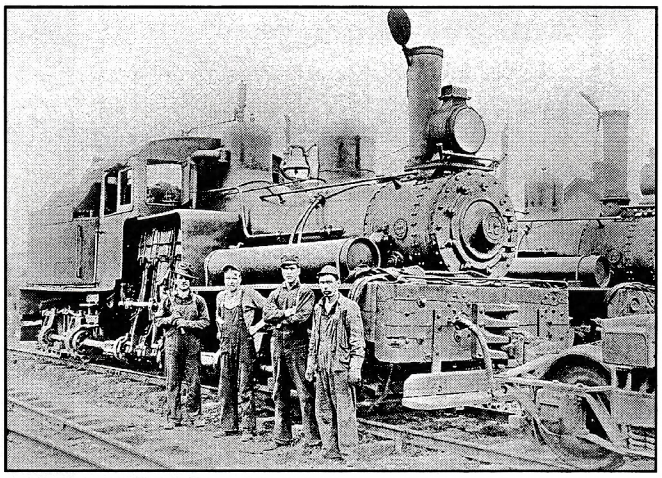


WESTERN WASHINGTON FIR – 12-foot undercut. Two Lervick brothers lying end to end. Arne Lervick was the proprietor of Glacier Cold Storage in Arlington and manager of the Twin City Food plant in Stanwood. Arthur J. was a partner in the Lervick Logging Company. There were six Lervick brothers listed in the 1941 Arlington city directory.

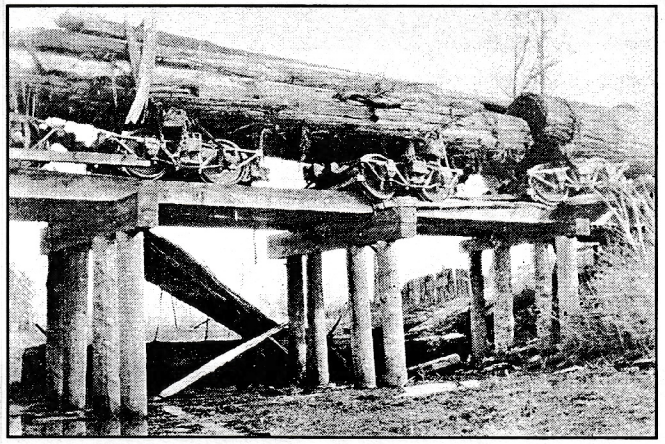
Shingle bolt chute. The loggers send the bolts down the chute to the river to be floated down to the mill.



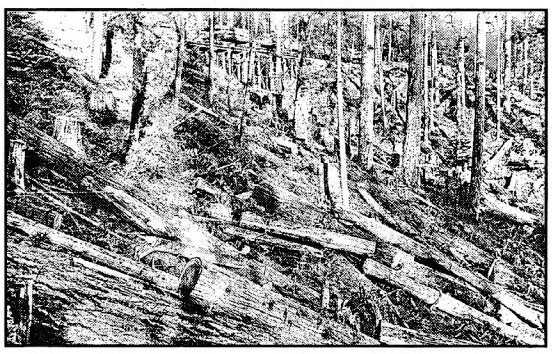
K. L. Rorstad and girls by a big log.



Shay locomotive and crew, about 1900.



Stimpson's Marysville & Northern railroad bridge on the John Danielson farm, one and a half miles west of Arlington.

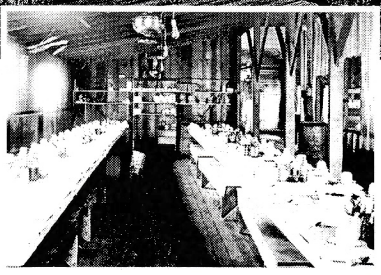


A hillside at Cobb & Healey's Camp.

"TIMBER!!!!"

The wealth of the Pacific Northwest was to come from its trees, so the loggers came – a tough breed of men from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Scotland, Germany and Canada. They were willing to brave the elements, battle forest fires, and risk the ever-present dangers of their jobs. These men slept fifty or more to a room, with as many pairs of wet, stinking socks hanging to dry by the pot-bellied stove. They overcame loneliness and lack of the comforts of home.

These hardy men of the woods worked twelve hours a day, no days off, no paid vacations and no benefits. Common laborers earned $30 - $35 a month, skidders $40, choppers $75, teamsters $90 - $100 and skilled laborers $2 - $4 a day. They were paid in gold and spent a good portion of it at the local saloons and "resorts."



Ebey Logging Camp and work crew.

Inset: Logging camp dining room.

Arlington Incorporated

Haller and Arlington were incorporated by election May 5, 1903. The city officials were: Mayor, J. M. Smith; Councilmen, Neil Brown, Charles A. Hudson, W. G. Fowler, Daniel S. Baker, and J. B. Riley; Treasurer, Adolph Behrens; Clerk, Charles H. Tracy; Marshal, Noah Berridge; City Attorney, N. L. Jones.

East side of Olympic Avenue between 2nd and 3rd streets, the Arlington Hotel and Restaurant, Drugstore and the original Methodist Episcopal Church on Division Street.

W. G. Fowler Insurance Office.

Frank C. Hausafnes saloon on the 200 block of Olympic Avenue, Joe Barney, bartender. Arlington was a typical western logging town, with as many saloons as there were churches. For excitement and entertainment there were always drunks to watch, fights in the streets and horse racing down the main streets with mud flying and money exchanging hands.

Max Schulz family. Left to Right, Back row: Max Bartl and son-in-law Frank Schulz. Front row: Agnes Bartl, baby Max Schulz and daughter Olga Schulz.

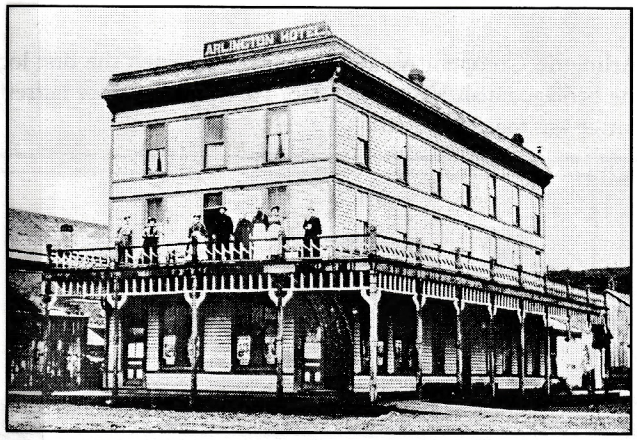
RAILROAD AVENUE – Arlington, Washington.

Brounty Meat Market in Arlington. Left to Right: Elmer Brounty, cousin George Brounty, Earl Rankin.

Horse drawn wagon pulling large log down Division Street in front of the M. E. Church.

James Smith, first Mayor.

Dorothy Campbell, daughter of Letitia Wallis Campbell, about 1919.



Arlington Hotel on the Northeast corner of Second Street and Olympic Avenue - 1900

Pioneer baby boy, two years old.

Mayors of Arlington

J. M. Smith	1903
Neil Brown	1905
Will H. Verd	1906
Peter Larsen	1908
George Kunze	1910
W. H. Ford	1912
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H. W. Sessoms	1916
J. H. Persun	1918
Chas. J. Warren	1920
O. G. Kesling	1922
Will H. Verd	1924
R. W. Shaw	1926
Harold M. Murphy	1928
M. Hiram Amsberry	1930
Henry Backstrom	1934
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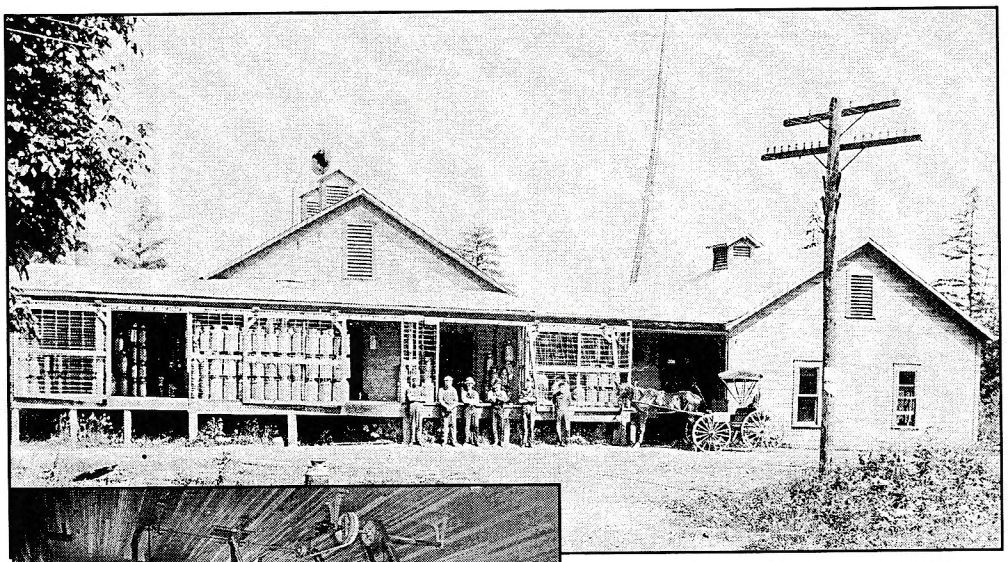
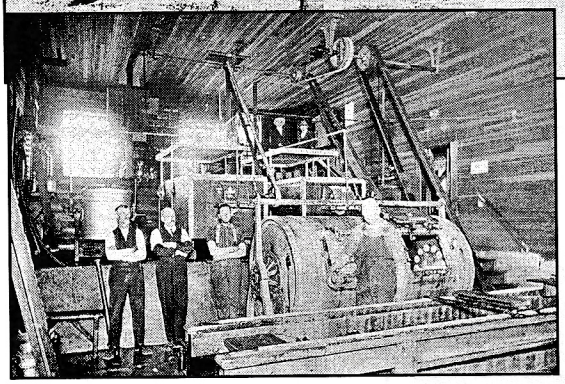
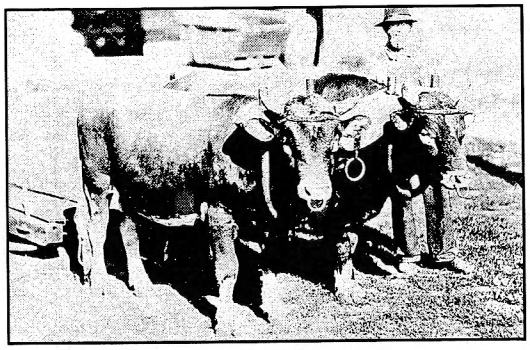
Ernest Meier	1942
Walter Bracy	1948
Robert Murphy	1949
J. Boyd Ellis	1956
Woodrow Willey	1960
H. James Cann	1962
H. A. Christensen	1972
John Larsen	1980
Robert Kraski	Current



The Arlington Creamery. Left to Right: Marion Thomas, picked up cream, John M. Gillespie, butter maker, George A. King, President, S. G. Buell, Manager, Jerry Curtis, Wayne Sabin, Al Kively, assistant butter maker.



Inside view of the Arlington Creamery.

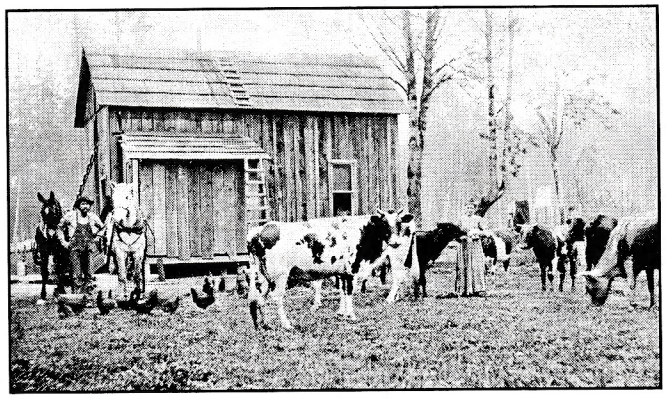


Left: Valley Gem Farm's Bulls, Mixter Senator & Valley Gem Paragon.

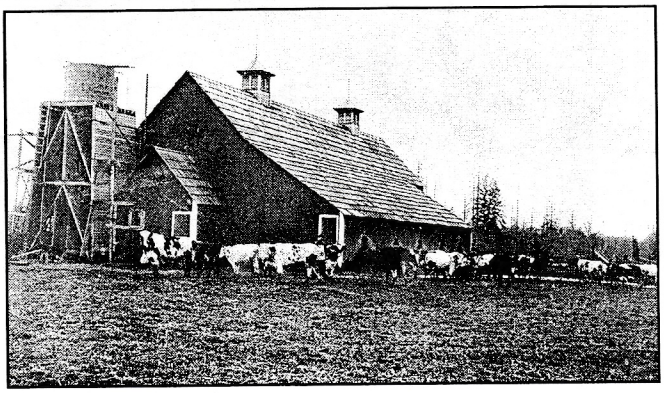
EARLY DAIRY FARMING

Some of the first cows were brought up the river by B. C. W. Schloman on a deck slashed together upon two canoes. In 1889 dairying was coming to the front and farmers were clamoring for a creamery. Farming became a growing concern and people were buying mowing machines, hay rakes and grain cradles. Farmers were selling pork to the markets at 5 cents a pound. Chris Meyers was advertising milk at 12 ½ cents a gallon. A census of cows was taken and there were found to be 314 cows in rural Arlington.

The Pioneer Creamery was organized in 1901 by the Arlington Co-operative Association. It created the first local market for butterfat and brought the Babcock tester to the Stillaguamish Valley. In 1926, 165,540 pounds of butterfat was received from the dairymen and 207,640 pounds of butter was manufactured.



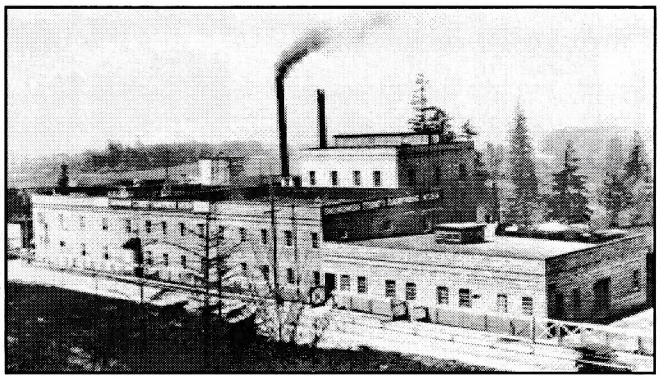
William and Anna (Hoidal) Spoerhase farm.



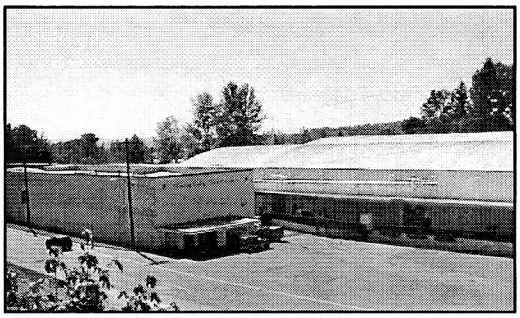
The Carl Thompson Farm – 1918. Located west of Arlington.

The Arlington Condensery was organized in 1920 by the Snohomish County Dairymen's Association. Raw milk was purchased from the local dairymen, carried in thermos tankers to the plant and turned into condensed milk and milk powder. The Trans - Continental Freight Bureau stated that Arlington was the heaviest shipper of these products west of the Mississippi River. To belong to the organization, dairymen were required to buy a $10 share for each cow they milked. Later it was changed so a dairyman could become a member by buying a $10 share regardless of the number of cows he milked.

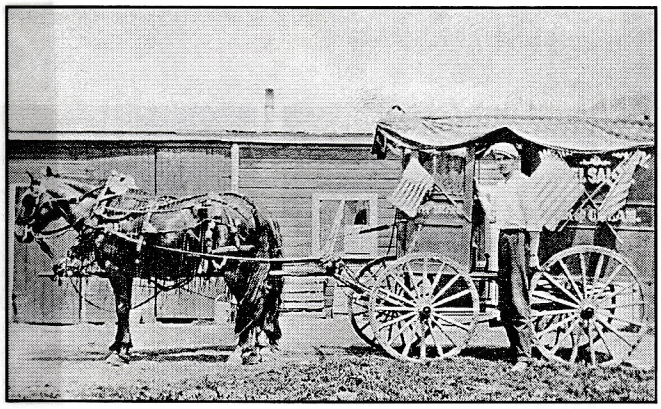
The Snohomish County Dairy Association held a statewide contest to choose a trademark name for their dairy products. A number of designs were worked out with the words "gold" and "dairy". The result was "Goldairy" but it wasn't catchy enough, so it was suggested to turn the name around to say "Dairygold". The end result was a trademark consisting of the name "Dairgold" over a gold oval on which is shown a white dairy cow. The company later moved to Mount Vernon.



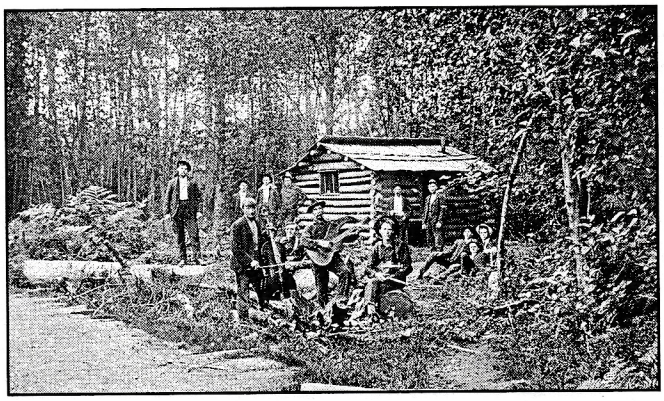
Snohomish County Dairyman's Association (Arlington Condensery). This building was Glacier Cold Storage and now is Twin City Foods – 2003.



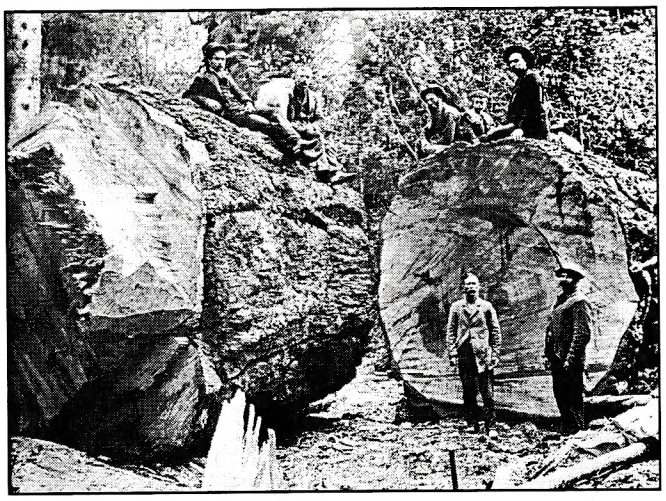
Twin City Foods - 2003.



Mead Dairy Wagon and driver.

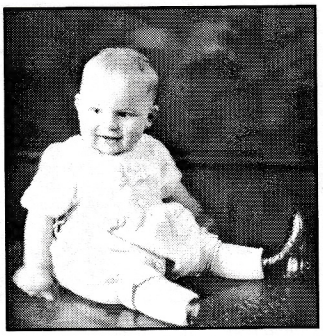


Pioneer men with their musical instruments provided their own entertainment in the deep woods where neighbors were scarce.



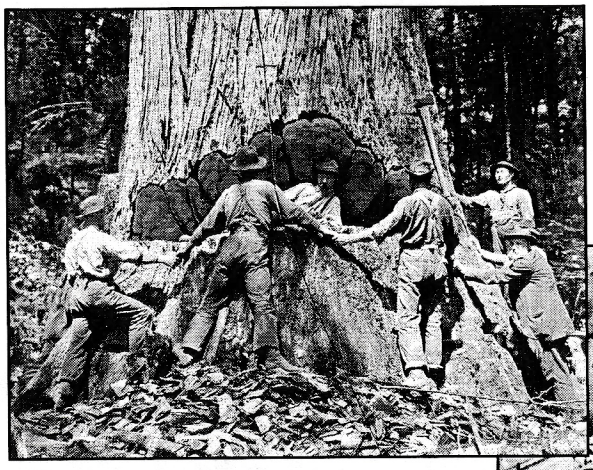
This tree grew on Mr. Goodman's place. The butt cut of the largest Douglas fir in the Arlington area (diameter 40-ft) was displayed at the 1901 Expo in Buffalo, New York, in the Washington State booth featuring logging. The 8-½ foot section was made into a booth with a door, windows, ceiling and was finished inside with the finest of Washington lumber. The roof was red cedar shingles. Seated left to right: Paddy O'Meara, Bill Fowler, Andy Jackson, Arthur Ferguson, Joseph Ferguson.

Out for a buggy ride.

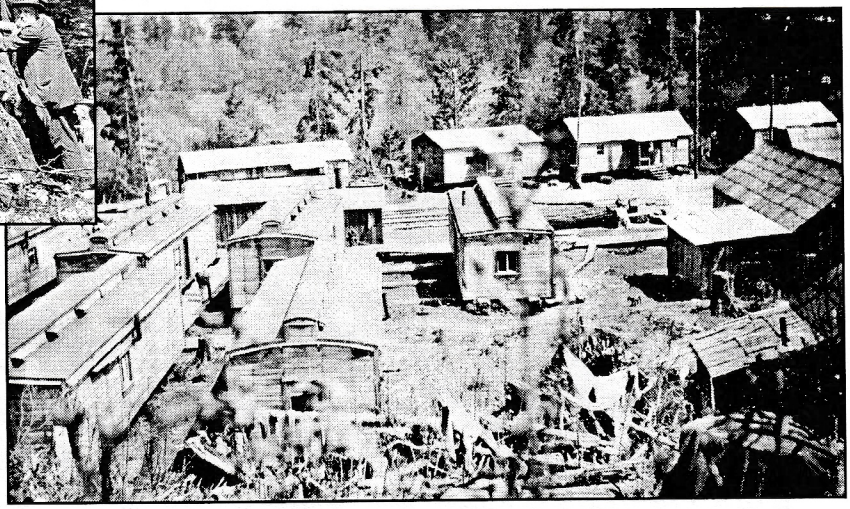


John French.

Jean French.



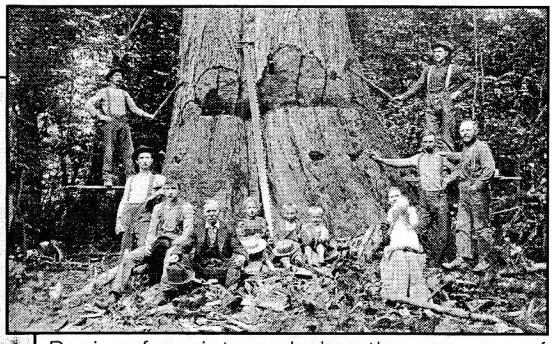
Giant Cedar Tree ringed by men to show diameter of tree and one man lying in the cut.



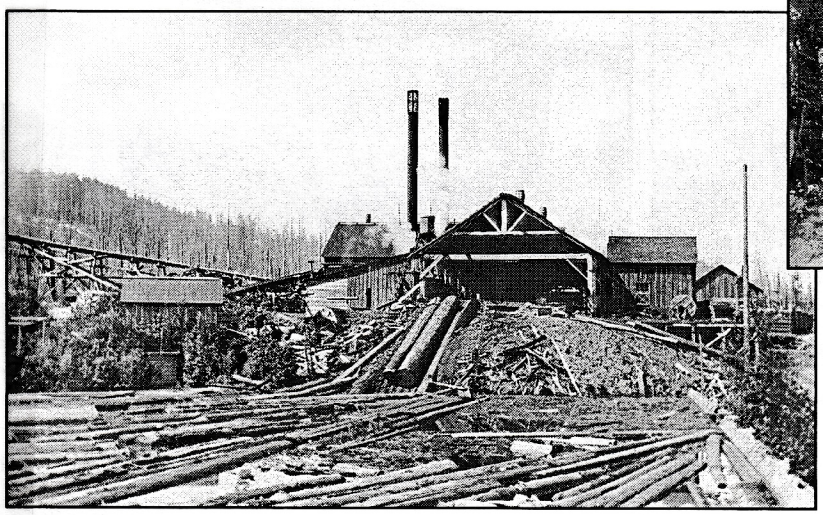
Right: Logging Camp Set-up.

Horses were also used in the woods to pull logs over a skid road.

The Anton Kraetz Family – 1913. Left to Right: Bertha, Max, Anton, Margaret, Antonia, Rose with John, Meta, and Rose.

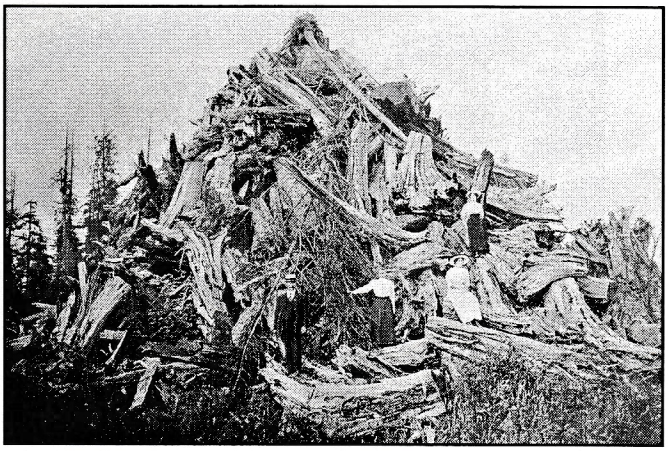


Posing for picture during the process of falling a cedar tree about 1900. Left to Right: Mr. Adenmattern on springboard, Paul Rotermund, Alex Spoerhase, Claus Jackson, children are Louise, Lois, Ernest, Mrs. Joe Kraetz holding Joe Jr., William Hiatt, Joe Kraetz Sr. and Will Spoerhase on springboard.

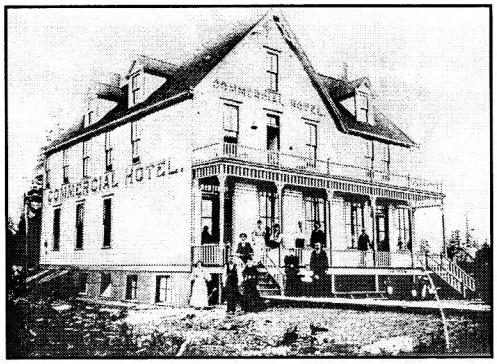


Pilchuck mill located north of Bryant. Millpond by Pilchuck Creek just west of bridge on Highway 9.

Clearing Land on Eric Oien Farm – 1914. Left to Right: Adolf Oien, Gus Oien, Eric Oien, Andrew Walseth and Ben Oien.

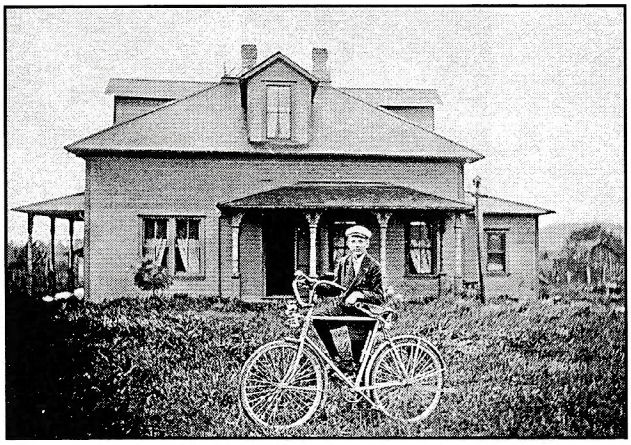


Hans Thomsen stump pile. Left to Right: Hans Thomsen, Mrs. Katie Thomsen, Elsie, Tillie.



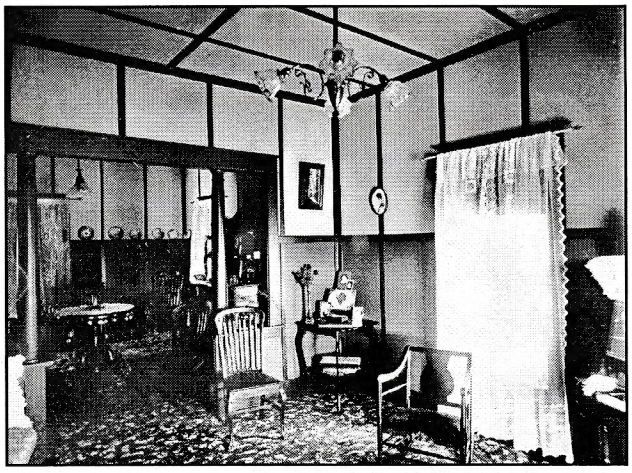
Commercial Hotel on West Ave. about 1899. Foreground left to right: Stella McLaughlin, Mr. & Mrs. J. Clinex, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ferguson and son, Arthur. Woman on porch is Mrs. John Armstrong.

Local talent in the old Odd Fellows Opera House, about 1908. In the pit are Willie Fowler, Mrs. Mott Ferris, Rosmond Wrage, and John Wrage.



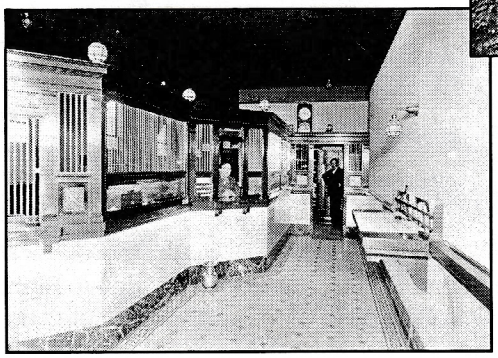
Max Schulz in front of family home – showing off his bicycle – a new form of popular transportation by 1899. George Murphy, the bicycle dealer sold seventeen in two weeks.

ARLINGTON LIVERY & TRANSFER CO., Pete Satra – Prop. Located at 413 North Olympic Avenue. Formerly the J. C. Penney store. Now (2003) it's The Original Rome Restaurant & Pizza House.

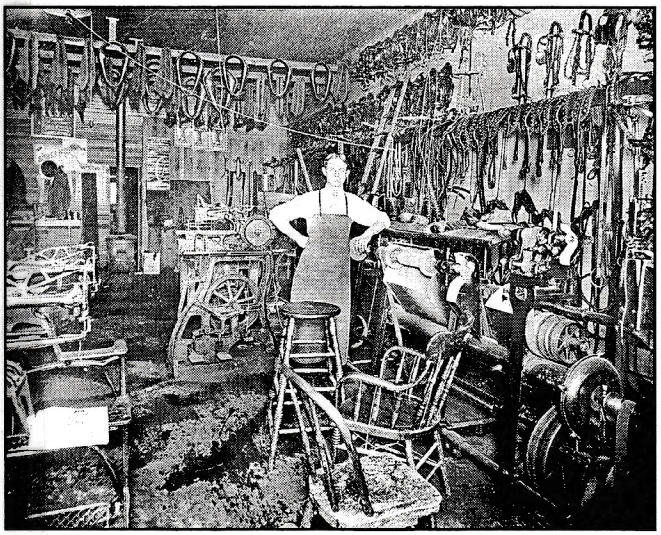


Interior of a home. Notice the billowing curtains and the light fixture, about 1900.

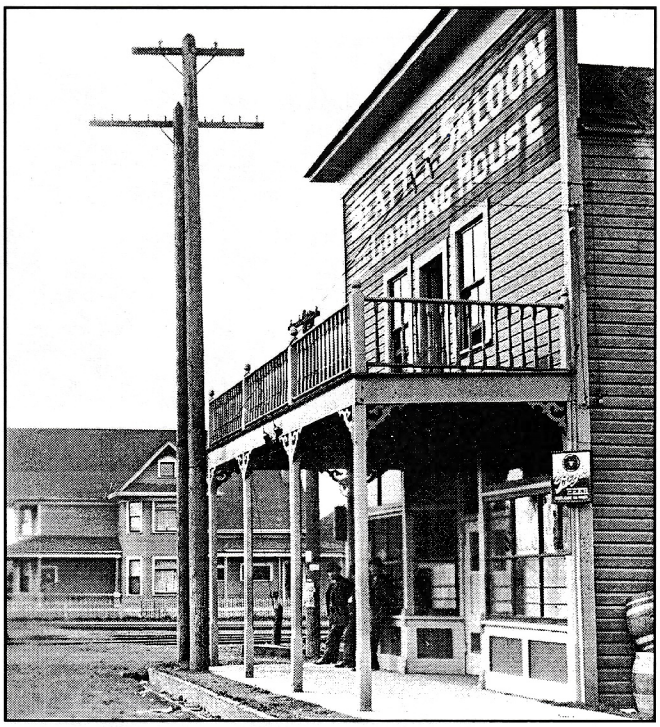
Can you find the bit and horseshoe prints imprinted into the sidewalk in front of the Rome Restaurant?



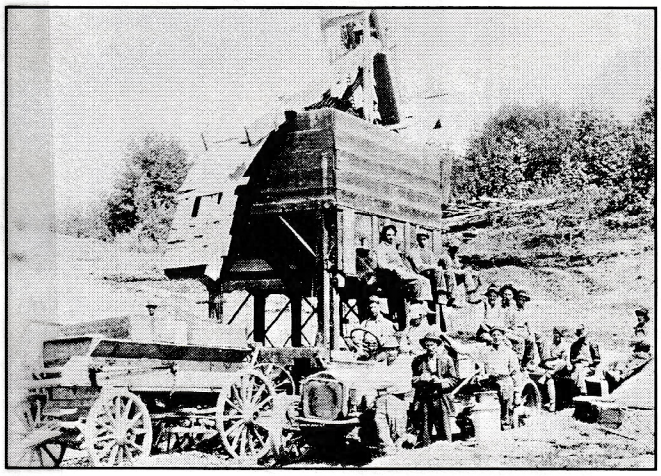
Left: Arlington State Bank Lobby. Mr. Tracy at window, Mr. Hoover, bookkeeper.



Inside of leather shop. Harness and tack for horses and oxen. Samuel H. Preston, harness maker, in 1907.



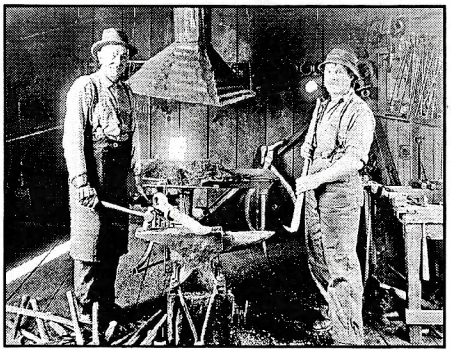
SEATTLE SALOON – Third Street looking west. Owner, Nels F. and Ida Madsen. The home across the tracks belonged to R. L. & Isabella H. Johnston. (Location of Chevrolet garage in 2003). Mr. Johnston was depot agent for Northern Pacific Express Co.



First Sand and Gravel Operation, about 1904.

Charlie Huddle and Lassie Skillingstad inside one of Arlington's many saloons.

Fishing party on the river. Left to Right: Frank Lafrance, Minnie Himan, Ben Schloman, Dennie Pierson, Jim Pierson, Stolsonberg, Myrtle Pierson and Linnie Pierson.

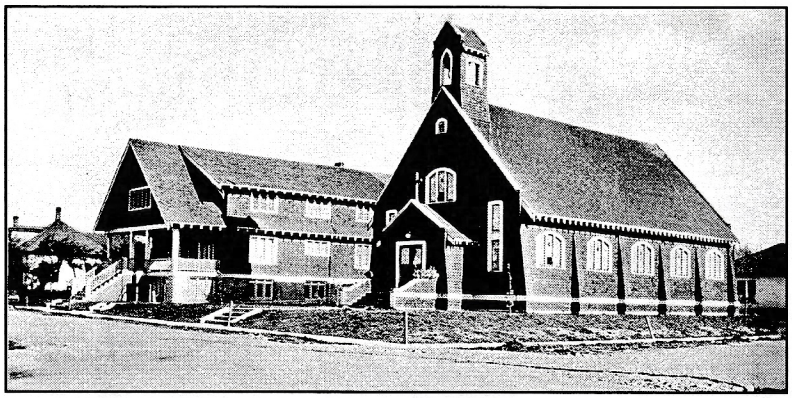


Blacksmith Shop, about 1900.

Decorated living room.

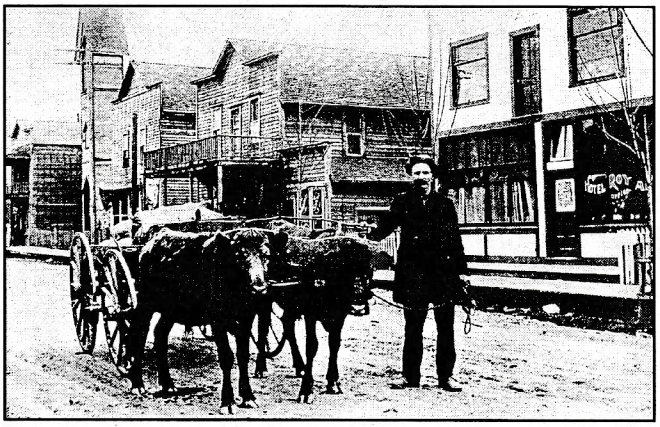
Rev. and Mrs. Herman Baalson and children. He was Pastor for Bryant, Arlington and Silvana at the Lutheran Churches.

Wick Funeral held at the old Lutheran Church (2003, St. Andrew Orthodox Church) on East Burke Street, Rev. Baalson, Pastor.



Catholic Church and Parish House located on the corner of Third & French. On June 30, 1982 in The Arlington Times, Ramo Realty advertised the Church for sale at $69,500 and the Rectory for $89,000. In 2003 the French Street Studio School of Dance occupies the church building.

Present day Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on East 5th Street.

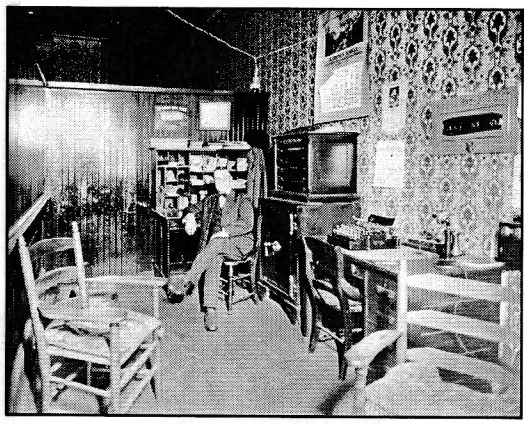


Robert Alexander McGladrey on Olympic Ave. posing with his oxen in front of the old Hotel Royal, further down the street is the Free Methodist Church, about 1910.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. The first Lutheran church was formed in 1893.

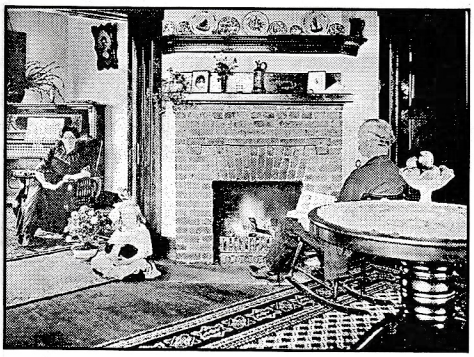
Joseph Chenier, carrying the mail on his rail-equipped bicycle near Hazel in 1903.

Mail delivery in the early days was a real problem until Erick Anderson of nearby Silvana was hired to carry mail from Stanwood to Oso via Arlington. This was in about 1896 or 1897. Anderson traveled by horseback over almost impassable trails through heavy forest for about four years when the railroad went through from Arlington to Darrington in June 1901.



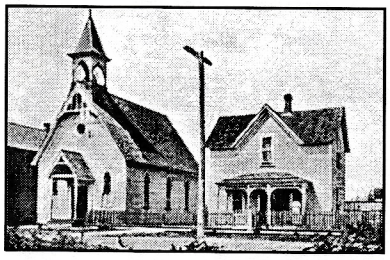
Clarence Schell Clothing Store – 1904.

Gardner Tailor Shop. Far right is Jorgen H. Wald standing next to the man from Norway.



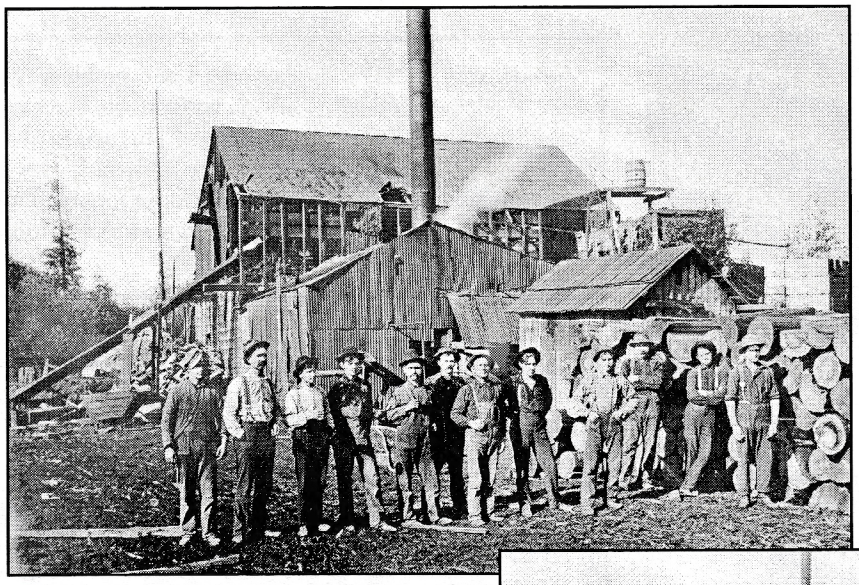
Right: A Pioneer Family. Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Fowler & children, Bert, Minnie, Bill, Wally, and Harry.

Left: Carston Thomsen Home – Elizabeth, Myrtle and Carsten, Sr.

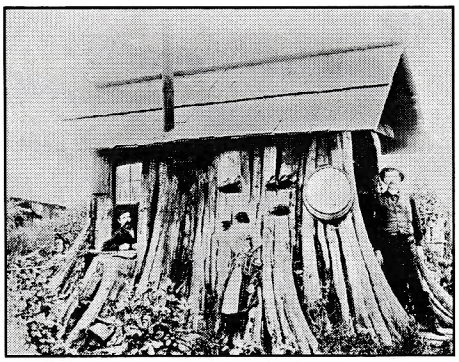


The Methodist Episcopal Church on Division, a pioneer church built in 1896, caught fire in 1927 and was torn down the same year. In its place is the ever-present "Alamo" gracing our northern view of town.

1902 Pioneer Picnic held at the Morris home on Kent Prairie. Some of those attending were – Mr. & Mrs. Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Schiller, Mr. & Mrs. John Meyer and family, Mr. & Mrs. Jake Hafner and family, Otto Wrage, Mr. & Mrs. Preston, Johnny Meyer (nephew of John Meyer), and Mayford Heaven (next to bike).



Edgecomb Mill.

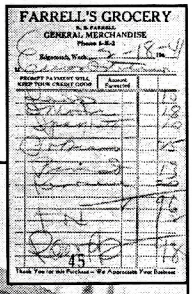


Old stump house about 1905 or 1906. It was located about ½ mile west of Edgecomb on south side of road. Left to right: Bob Kinnear, Josephine Gray, and John Alfred Gray.

The Edgecomb General Store, a hundred-year-old building continues as a business at the corner of 172nd Street NE and 67th Avenue NE. This store is the last remaining building in Edgecomb. It was first a depot, then a house and in 1901 became a store. The town was named after John Edgecomb, a local logger.

J. A. Gray Shingle Mill – Edgecomb, WA. about 1905. J. A. Gray is in the front row with white shirt & mustache. Crete Gray is in dress with checked skirt. Mrs. J. A. Gray the large woman to left of Crete Gray. Small children include Josephine Gray and Dorothy Gray.

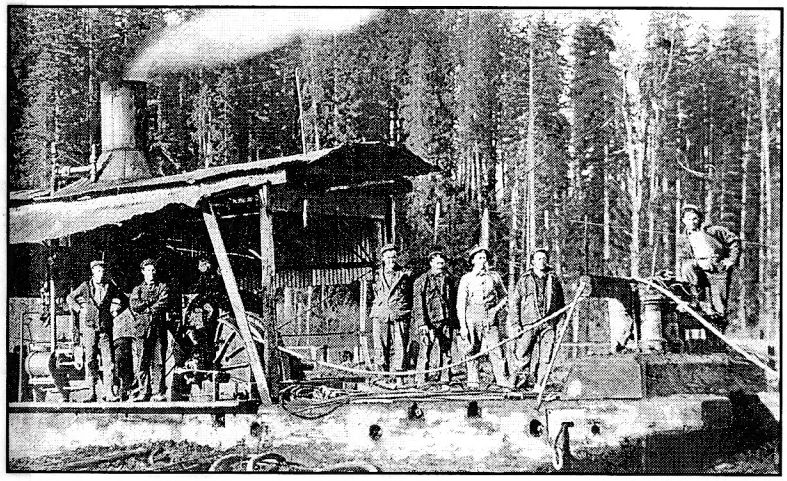
Edgecomb Store 2003.



Farrell's Grocery receipt.

Train depot at Edgecomb.

Teams of oxen and horses were a familiar sight deep in the virgin forest of the Stillaguamish Valley assisting man. The animals were also used in the 1890's to pull heavy cables out into the woods. The cables were attached to trees and stumps and the steam donkey pulled the cables back. Some of these cables were as long as 3,500 feet for moving logs to loading areas. From Left to Right: Oxen, G. A. Rae, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Jack Hayden and Neil McCoullum.

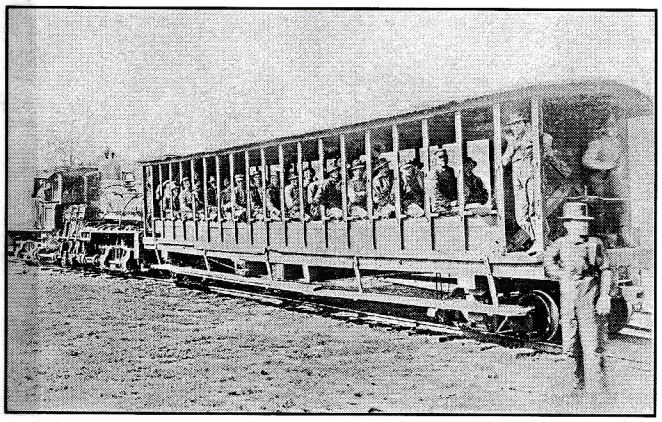


Left: Steam donkey – Left to right: Unknown, Hans Hoidal, Nels Bruseth, Marius Hoidal, unknown, Andrew Hoidal, Karl Hoidal.

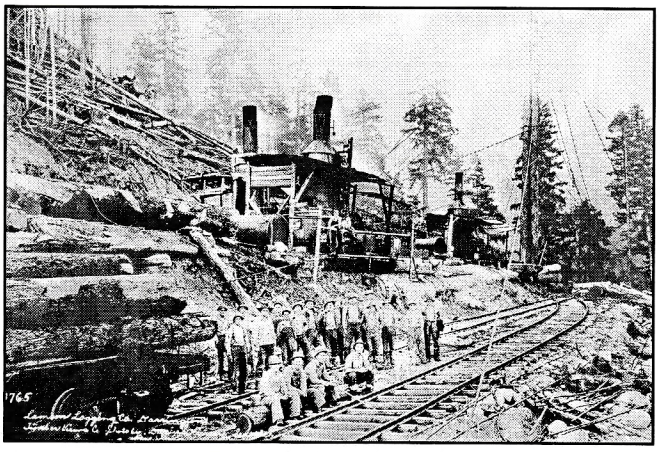
Steam Donkeys

Steam was first introduced to the logging operation in the form of a small steam donkey. The donkey would consist of a steam boiler and steam engine connected to a winch all mounted on a 'sled' called a 'donkey sled'. Dragging them with the winch line moved the donkeys. The process evolved rapidly and donkeys were used for both "yarding", moving logs from where the tree was cut to an assembly point, and "skidding", dragging logs down a skid trail to a waterway. Donkeys were strategically placed to allow logs to be moved from point to point along the skid road. It was soon discovered it was easier to drag logs up hill to avoid the stumps, which would hinder the process.

Some of the cables would run out 300 to 500 feet, so it became necessary to develop a series of whistle codes to keep the donkey operator and the choker on the same page. This method proved quite successful, although many a logger lost his life when the cable tightened up. Steam donkeys were used along the railroad tracks to bring the logs to the train when a natural waterway was unavailable.

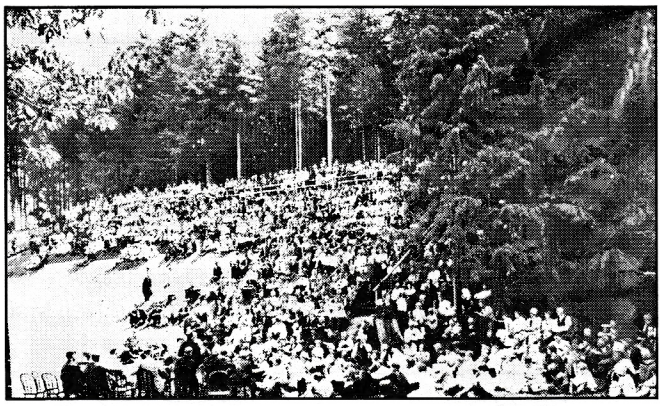


All Aboard!! Off to work we go.

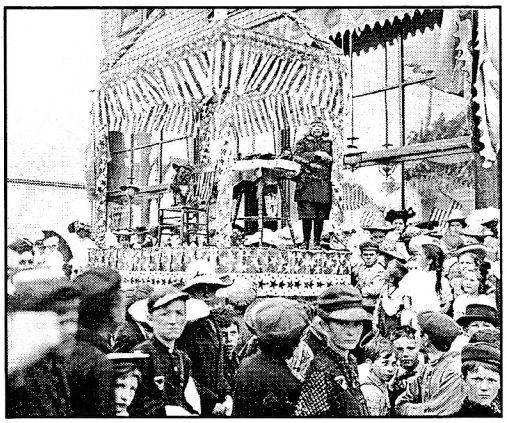


Timber View Logging Company crew.

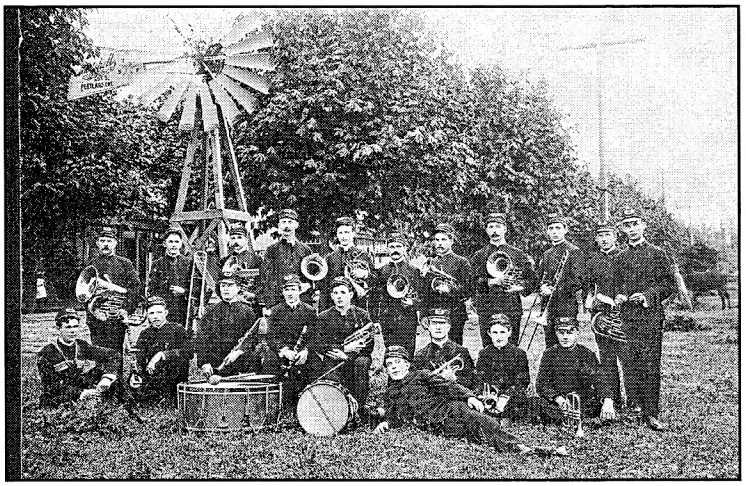
A team of oxen pulling the Modern Woodsmen of America float (a large log) with wooden wheels in the Arlington Grand Parade 4th of July. Two boys with a goat standing in front. On the left is the Moll Building and on the far right is the Free Methodist Church.



Terrace Park – Arlington 's unique natural stadium, about 1900.



Arlington 4th of July Celebration lining up for parade post 1904. Buster Brown, his dog and Brown Shoes for sale.



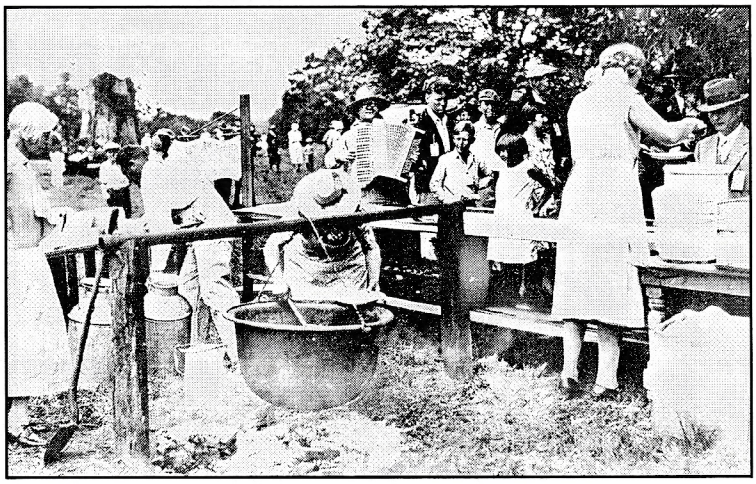
Pioneer Arlington Band. Looking south at corner of 3rd and Olympic. Rear: Hans Bertilson, Sanford Peterson, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, Ted Brounty, Charles Huddle, ?, ?. Front: Albert Peterson, "Turkey" Johnson, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, Charles Tracy, ?. About 1904–1914.

Buster Brown

George Brown made marketing history for Brown Shoes when the company sent on the road a series of midgets, each dressed as Buster and accompanied by a dog named Tige. They toured the entire country and even came to Arlington.

Left: Blanche Nell (Wrage) Moll Jr. (L) and Rosemund (Wrage) Lundgren (R) about 1900.

Right: Picnic at Valley Gem Farm – Bert Lindgren on accordion.



The largest 4th of July parade ever in Arlington was in 1908 after a year of formal celebration. Members of the Arlington Fire Department were among the participants.

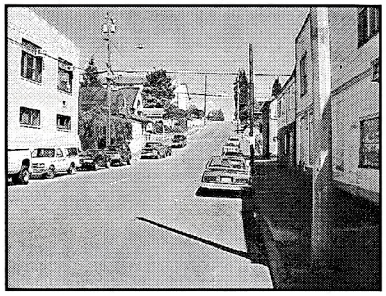
First City Hall - Municipal Land Mark Goes

In 1932 our first city hall was razed. The structure was built in 1904, the year after the incorporation of the Town of Arlington. The city hall was located at the corner of McLeod Avenue and 3rd Street. It contained a council chamber, concrete vault, a hose rack and small jail quarters in the rear. It also contained a bell tower with a Sears & Roebuck bell, which was used to sound curfew every evening at 9 o'clock, followed by the tolling of the hour. Since the erection of the new municipal building in 1924, the old structure had been practically abandoned as the new building affords quarters for all city departments, including the jail and fire equipment. Geo. Holt salvaged the material from the old city hall and used the material to build a garage for the city tractor, the old concrete vault being used for storing tools. It was equipped with a wooden door, the original metal door having been moved to the vault in the new city hall. The old city hall served for 28 years.

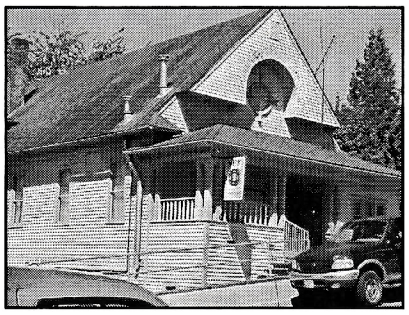
Arlington Baseball Team – 1900. Front Row: Les Buell, Elmer Moran, and Jack Fahey. Second Row: #1, #2, #3, #4, and Brown. Third Row: Ernest Jones, Patterson, Ulrick Ford, and Pat Moran.

4th of July 1908 Parade of Clowns in Arlington. This crowd of Arlington musicians and fireman standing on the corner of 3rd street looking east. On left was a grocery store in the AOUW building. Up the hill was the former Baptist church (now in 2003 the VFW Hall) and to the north of that was a dress shop run by Mrs. Van Allen. She was a widow with (2) daughters: Ardis (Arlis) and Alice. She sold material and also made dresses. On right was the Arlington State Bank with offices upstairs. Dr. Moorman, Dr. Adams, Dr. Mose and Dr. Oliver had offices there at different times. The bell tower in the background was on the fire station and first city hall-jail building.

Left: Looking east at Olympic and 3rd Ave.

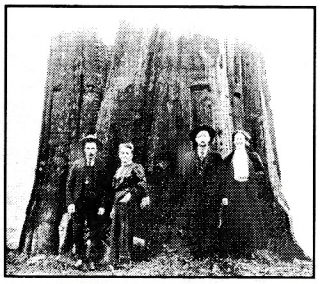


Right: Olympic and 3rd Ave.

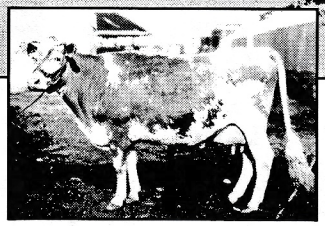


Left: V F W Building in 1905 was the Baptist Church.

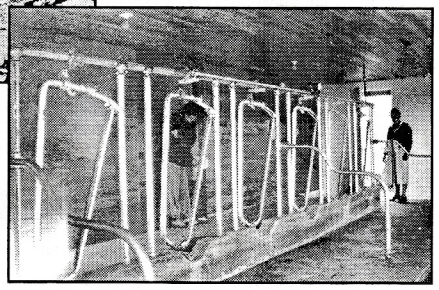
Barn on H. Rotermundt farm built in 1909 – torn down in 1965 for building I-5 at Island crossing.



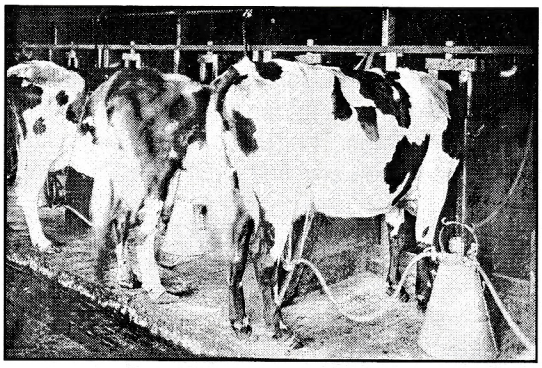
Rotermundt Family. Left to Right: Herman, Dorthea, Paul, Sophie.



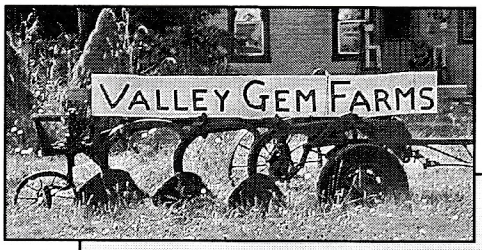
Nancy Lee of Valley Gem Farm top milk producer



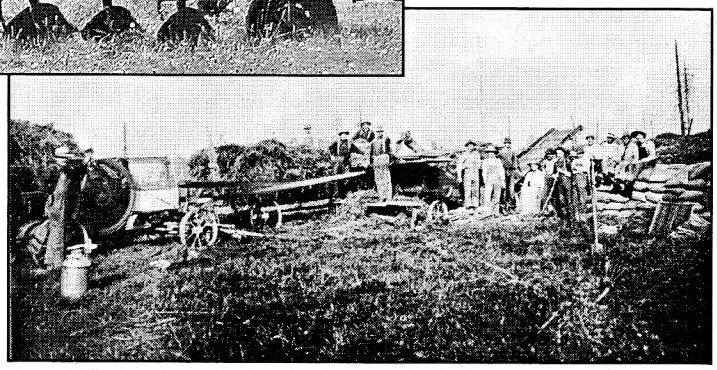
Cow stations in dairy barn



One of the first milking machines used in Snohomish County was called the "perfection milking machine." This unit milked two cows at the same time producing about 4½ gallons of milk. The dairyman thought the milker was not practical. Picture taken in new barn of William G. Grimm about 1916, in the Island District.



Valley Gem Farms on Highway 9.



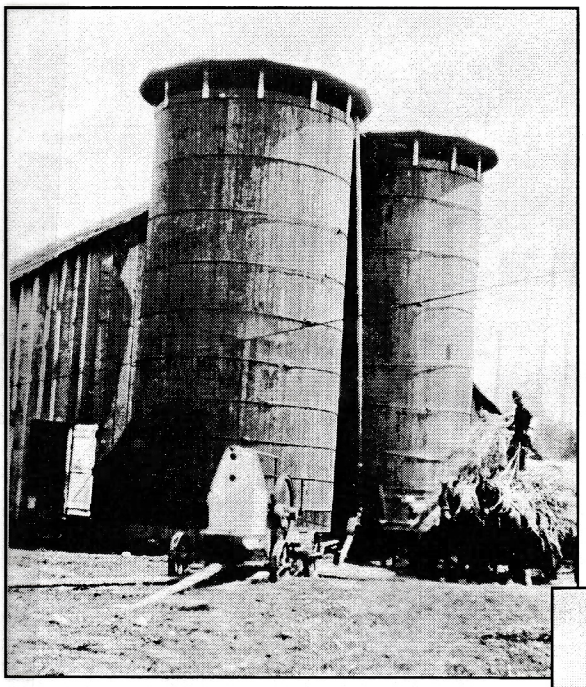
Harry Hunter Threshing Machine & crew.

The Way It Was

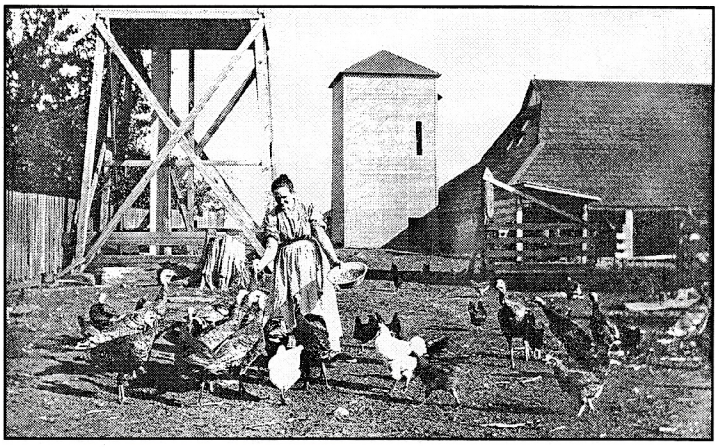
Before the farmland was cleared many of the settlers subsidized their family income by working elsewhere. Later on local logging camps used all of the products from the farms, thus making a paying industry out of farming. Mr. Wrage's Valley Gem Farm was bought from the government in 1885 and consisted of one hundred and sixty acres. Later on it developed into a dairy farm with Guernsey cows supplying the milk. At this time they used horse-drawn rake and plow to cultivate their fields.

Gradually, dairying developed around Arlington. The Valley Gem Farm began milk delivery to the towns people in 1901. They first delivered milk by wheelbarrow and later on used a horse and buggy. The milk sold for five cents a quart or $1 for 25 quarts (now in 2003 you spend over $2 for a gallon of 2% milk).

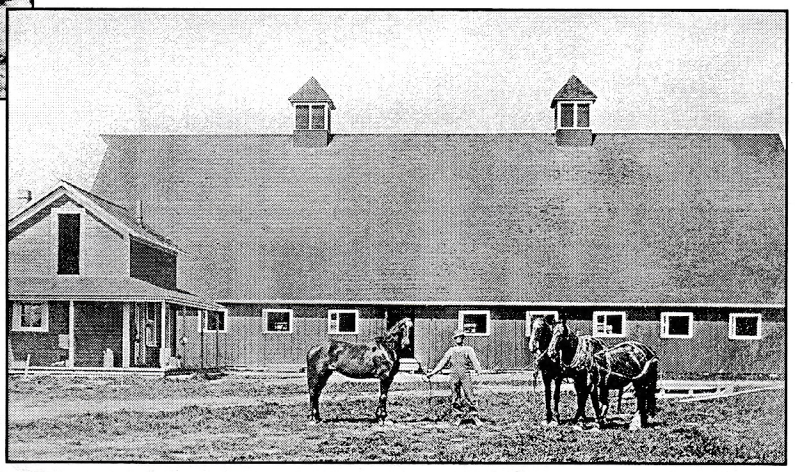
In 1916, the Valley Gem Farm used the first Molene tractor. The day of the horse-drawn rake and plow had begun to pass. The dairying business was flourishing.



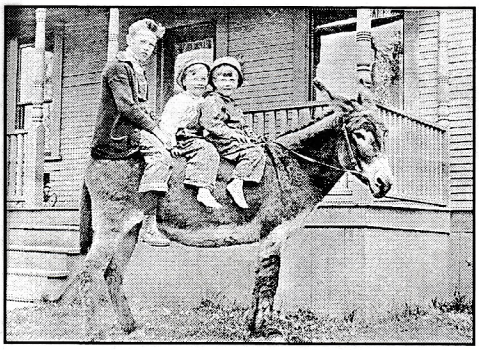
Twin silos being filled on the Herman Thomsen farm. They used Harry Hunter's gas engine and cutter. This is typical of the fine barns and silo plants common up and down the valley.



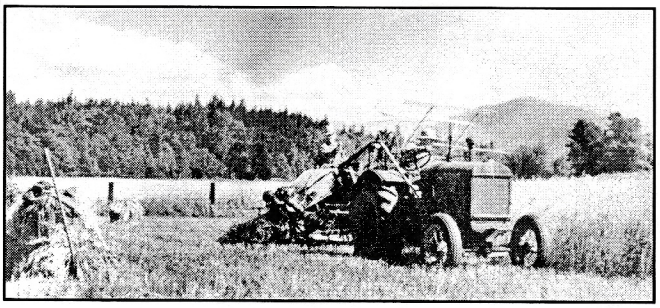
Mrs. C. H. (Louise) Wrage feeding chickens and turkeys.



New barn and milkhouse built by William G. Grimm about 1916. Property with house and barn sold to Andrew J. Strotz in 1924.

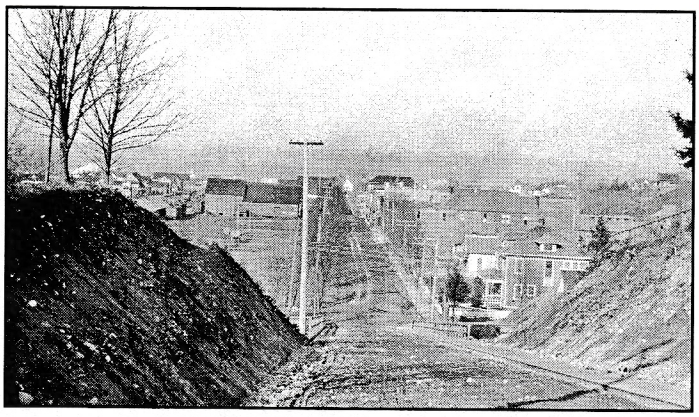


Burro and children



John Danielson binding oats with a McCormick Tractor. Farm was located 1½ miles west of Arlington.

John Danielson cutting hay and Ditlef Danielson riding a white horse.



View of Railroad Ave. (Olympia Ave.) from Murphy hill. Thomas Moran home first on the right (where old Safeway building now stands in 2003). The Methodist Church is at the end of the street.

Moran House on Olympic Ave.

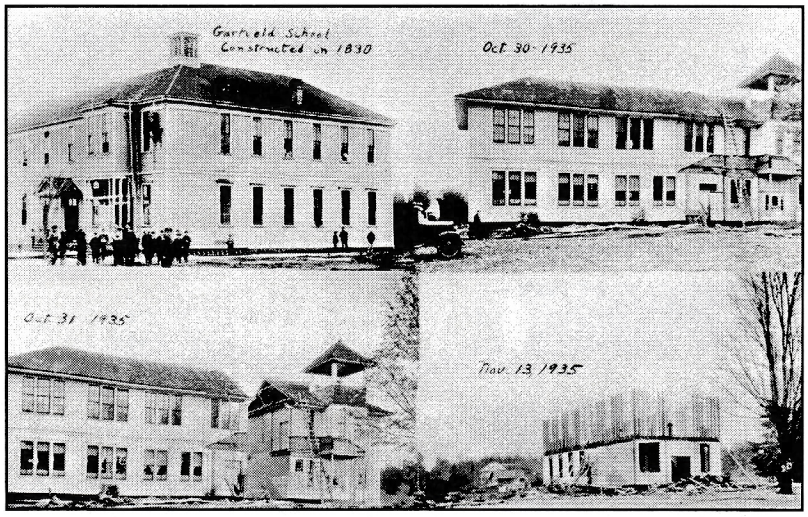
Right: The St. Paul House was established in 1891 as a hotel which didn't have a saloon in connection. Mr. & Mrs. E. K. Molden, proprietors.

Arlington Hardware, a concrete building built in 1911 by J. A. Gray. Contractor was Howard Wright Co. of Everett, located at present day, 215 N. Olympic.

South side of the Arlington Hardware and Lumber buildings - 2003.

In 1893, a two room Garfield School was built on French Street, taking the place of the Kent's Prairie School. Two rooms were added and later four more. The first High School classes were held in the Garfield School taught by Grover Hinman in 1904-1905. Later Mr. Hinman was the Principal and George Lancaster was the Superintendent. Mrs. C. C. Brown and M. E. Smith were on the School Board.

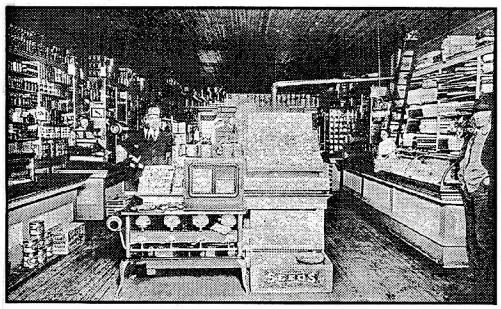
In 1904, after the twin cities incorporated, Haller City School District No. 50 and Arlington District No. 16 consolidated into District No. 89. The directors were B. S. Law, H. L. Huddle and Loren Mose.



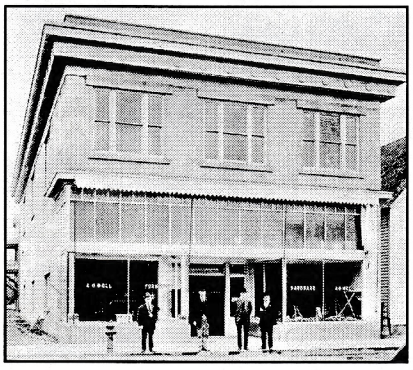
Garfield School – one of Arlington's oldest buildings.

An early classroom where one teacher taught grades 1–8. She kept the wood stove burning, was never absent from her job and most likely unmarried.

Peterson Brothers or Nels Peterson Dry Goods Company was on the corner of Fourth and Olympic, where Dean Olson's Shell Service (July 31, 1974) was. Christine Wilson, Peterson's sister-in-law, managed the store, which dealt in ladies' fashions. Peterson's Men's Clothing was down the street at the corner of Second and Olympic, occupied by Stilly Auto Parts (July 31, 1974). Peterson's Shoe Store is at the right of the picture. The crowd seems to be watching a midget dressed in Buster Brown attire standing on a platform in front of the shoe sign on the wall. Picture was taken early 1910-12.

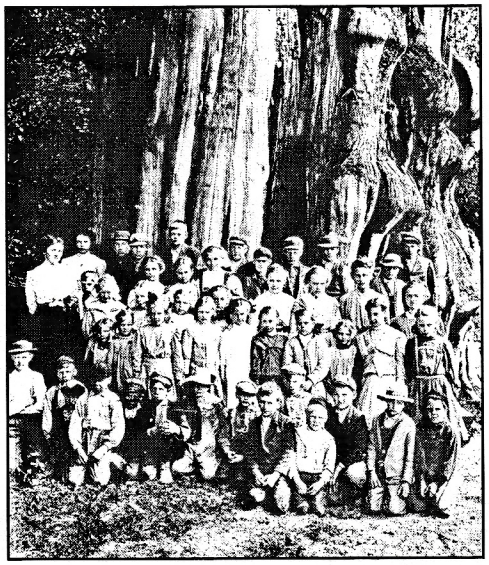


One of the early Arlington groceries, about 1900. The grocery stores sold everything in bulk out of wooden barrels and the stock consisted of all of the lines that go to make a first class store. At one time Arlington boasted of having two grocery delivery wagons.

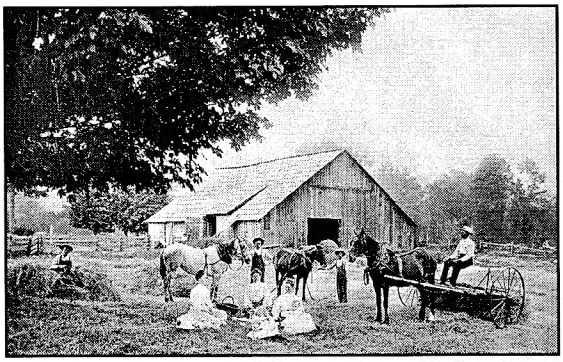


Moll building and store next to Free Methodist church on the 500 block of Olympic Ave. Left to Right: Coy Kern, Tom Lowe, Arthur H. Moll and Pat Moran. About 1904.

Olympic Tavern and Moll Building.



The famous Cedar Stump shown in its original setting. This 1909 photo shows teachers and students of Island School assembled for picture taking. First row, left to right: Olaf (Slim) Husby, Albert Engeseth, unknown, Martin Engeseth, Dan Gunderson, Fay Rosencranse, unknown, George Aberge, Ralph Hunter, unknown, Martin Lindquist, Jack Santeford, Gunderson, Bernard Green; second row, Lana Klein, unknown, Rena Reinseth, Lenora Bohl, Gyda Reinseth, Emily King, Hattie King, Fern Rosencranse, Anna Lindquist, Kate Klein, Martha Santeford, Olga Rod; third row, Albert Green, Nina Husby, Sena Reinseth, Anna Aberge, Marie Rosencranse, Amanda Green, Hazel Aberge, Anna Rod, Cosima Schloman, Marion Gardner; back row, Miss Jennie Gilchrist and Miss Clara Foss (teachers). Ira Hunter, Bill Thomsen, John Berg, Obert Reinseth, John Rosencranse, Olaf Reinseth, Ole Olson, Gilbert Gunderson and Oscar Berg.



Afternoon dinner at haying time on the Ole K. Husby farm located near the Island Crossing Y. Ladies are Mabel Husby Stensen, Sena Bjornal Dahl, Nina Husby Peterson, Mrs. Ole K. Husby with Olive in her lap. Gentlemen left to right: Joe Husby, Tom Husby, O. K. Husby, and Knute Husby far in the rear by barn door.

Cedar Stump History

The huge western red cedar, an Island Crossing landmark for nearly a century, grew for about 1,300 years in a grove of giant cedars near the old Jarl Sesby farm east of the "Y" on SR 530. It was a popular picnic spot for pioneer families. At its prime the tree was 20 feet in diameter and over 200 feet tall.

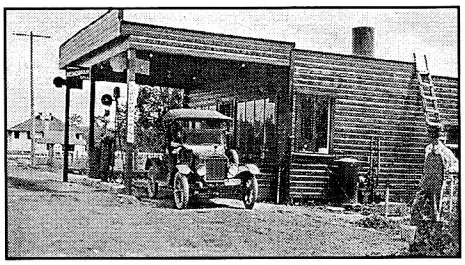
1893 A fire that started in the hollow base killed the tree.

1916 The top was removed, three spines were chopped from the core and archways were carved through the stump.

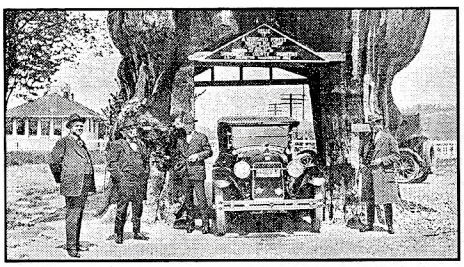
1922 After cutting the stump at its base, Ole Reinseth and Slim Husby used horse teams to drag it north 150 yards where it was set on a concrete base.

1939 The stump by now cracked, was taken apart and pieced back together just north of Portage Creek alongside the newly completed U. S. 99 at the "Y", on May 27. Crown Prince Olav and Princess Martha of Norway drove through the stump.

1971 The stump was moved to the northbound rest area on Interstate-5, south of Island Crossing where it is admired by today's travelers.



First Island Crossing Service Station. In 1922, Pearli Robb, living just west of Arlington, built the first service station at Island Crossing, which he operated until 1926. He sold the station and business to Clarence Gray. Other early operators were Roy Robb, Dean Rowe and Leonard Skorstad.



A 1923 Buick in the cedar stump at the triangle near Island School. Smokey Point Boulevard and SR # 530 border the triangle - 2003. Notice the Island Crossing school in background.

Cedar Stump at Rest Area – 2003.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schiller and family standing in front of their home. Left to Right: Emma Schiller Picard, Robert Schiller, Jr., Willie Schiller, Albert (baby) Schiller, Lizzie Schiller Grant (not in picture). About 1900.

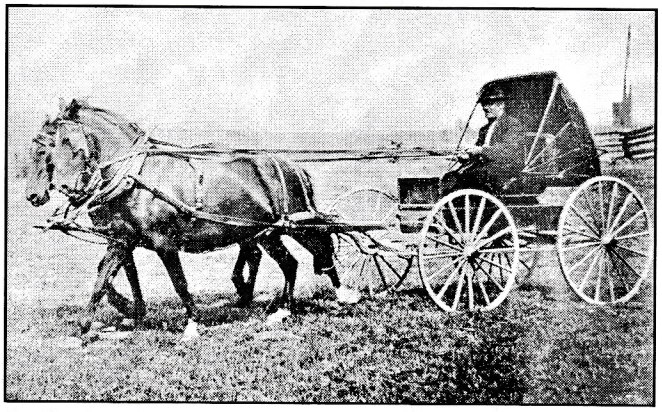
Walter Drake.

James R. Pierson family.

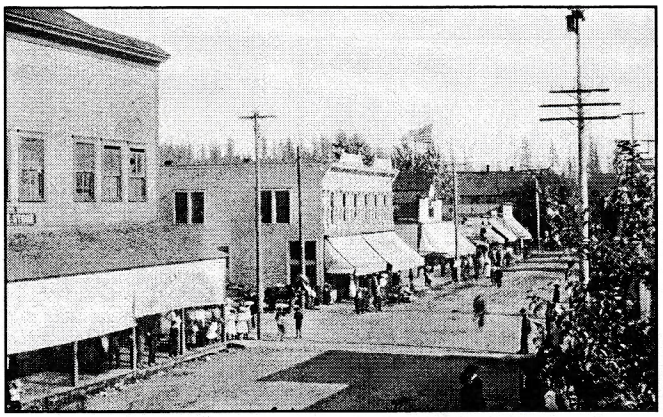
Horses on a barge crossing the river in 1902.

James Robert Pierson holding daughter, Mrytle, and Mrs. Linnie E. Higgins Pierson. James came to the Stillaguamish Valley in 1888. At first he settled above Oso and in 1898, he sold his homestead and moved to Hazel. Linnie Higgins Pierson's parents, Walter D. & Hettie E. Higgins, homesteaded one mile west of Hazel. Mr. and Mrs. James R. Pierson had three children: Mrytle, James D. and John W.

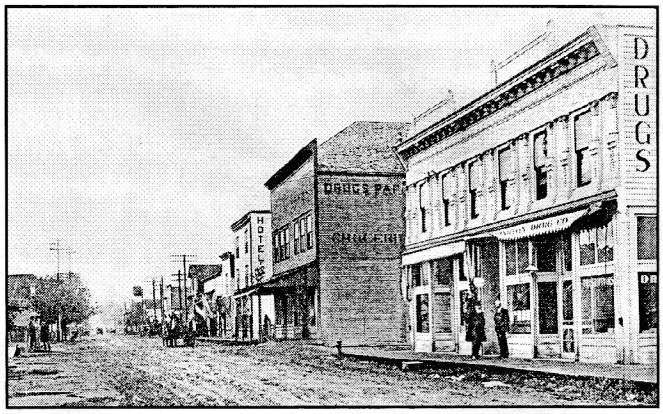
William and Rosamund Spoerhase, who came to Washington in 1889 by train from Minnesota. They hired Indians to canoe them to Whitehorse where they homesteaded, living at first in a giant cedar stump before building their log home. Mrs. Spoerhase served as a mid-wife between Whitehorse and Silvana for many years. Mr. Spoerhase was a brick mason by trade – building many foundations and chimneys in the area. Later, they moved S. W. of Arlington. Many descendants still live in the Stillaguamish Valley.



Horse and buggy era.

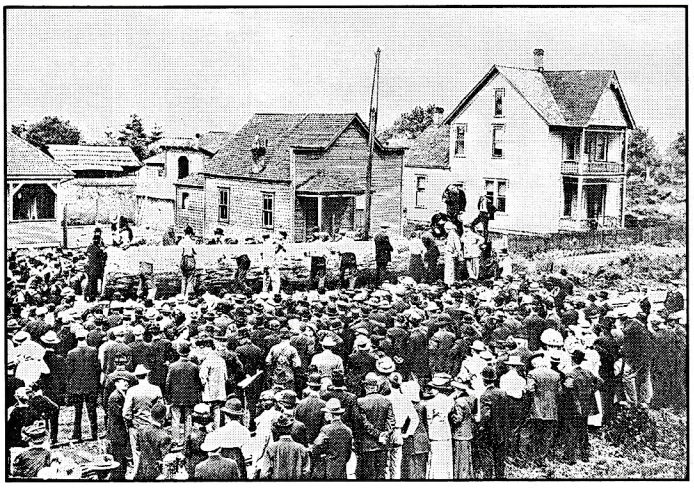


Railroad Avenue looking southeast



Railroad Avenue looking northeast.

Arlington's main street started out as Railroad Ave., but due to the spectacular view of the Olympic Mountains, a change was voiced. Dr. W. F. Oliver, local pioneer physician and one of the founders of the Pioneers Association, and Carl Marsh, The Arlington Times editor, became the main force in changing the street name to Olympic Avenue. Dr. Oliver said, "It's a shame that with a view such as this from our main street, we call it Railroad Avenue instead of Olympic Avenue". Using Railroad was considered "a shoddy misnomer". No official documentation of this change has been found, but today all street signs, maps and references refer to "Olympic Avenue" not Railroad Ave.



Moving a log down West Ave., about 1900.

Mrs. Anne (Hauge) Rygg
1856–1946

Two Old Soldiers. Capt. Wallace of the Union Army and Johnnie Robinson of the Confederate. In Haller City old soldiers formed the Grand Army Post.

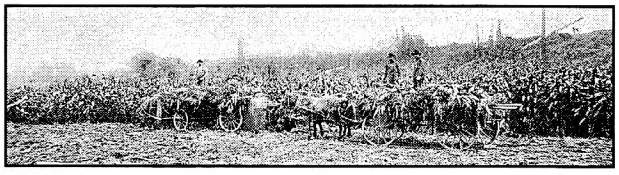
Left to Right: Hattie King, Alice Holling and Emlie King Regan.

Left: Ernest L. Bohl family posing in front of their home. Left to Right: Ernest, Lenore, Caroline and Augusta.

Work shop – metal and wood.

O. K. Rod Home & Family.

Hoidal's Tea Party – 1905 1906. Back row, Left to Right: Sievert Engeseth, Marius Hoidal, Corolius Hoidal, Hans Mathias Hoidal, Hans Martinus Hoidal, Anne Petrine Kvernbak Hoidal, Malte Nelson, Nikoline Hoidal Nelson. Sitting at table: William Spoerhase, Anne Hoidal Spoerhase, Caroline Hovenbak Hoidal, holding Lena Hoidal, Anne Marie Bakken Hoidal, Anna Roe Hoidal, Rangvald Hoidal. Three in front: Karl Hoidal, Andrew Hoidal, Hans Martildus Hoidal.

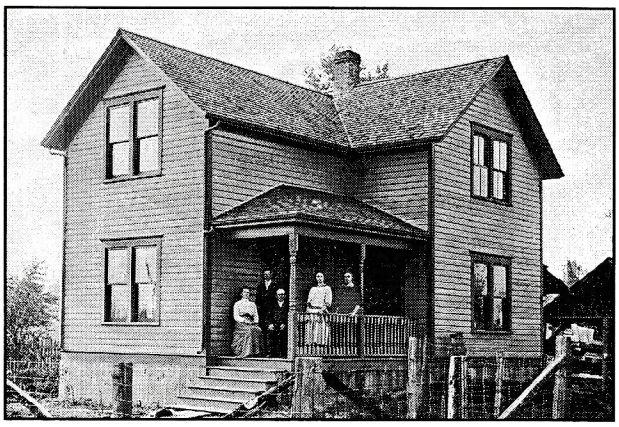


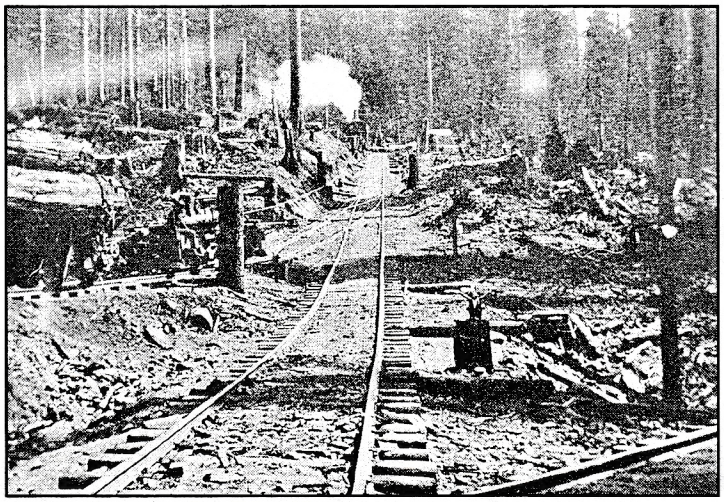
Valley Gem Farm – Harvesting corn for silage, corn in roasting ear stage averaged 20 tons per acre.

The Charlie Wrage family on the home porch on the Valley Gem Farm located on West 3rd and (now Highway 9). House was built in 1907.

Walter Bunten sitting on a load of lumber drawn by a team of horses.

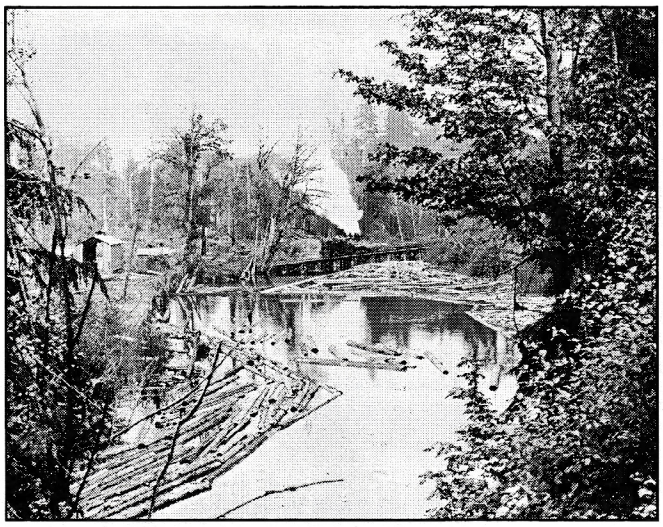
Right: Jacob Hafner home located about two miles west of Arlington. Left to Right: Mrs. Mary Hafner, Jake, Jr., Jake, Sr., Katherine, and Margaret.



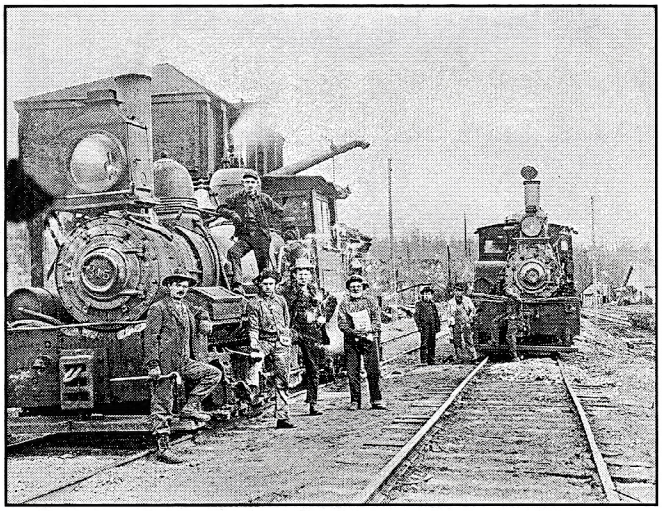


Railroad tracks in the woods.

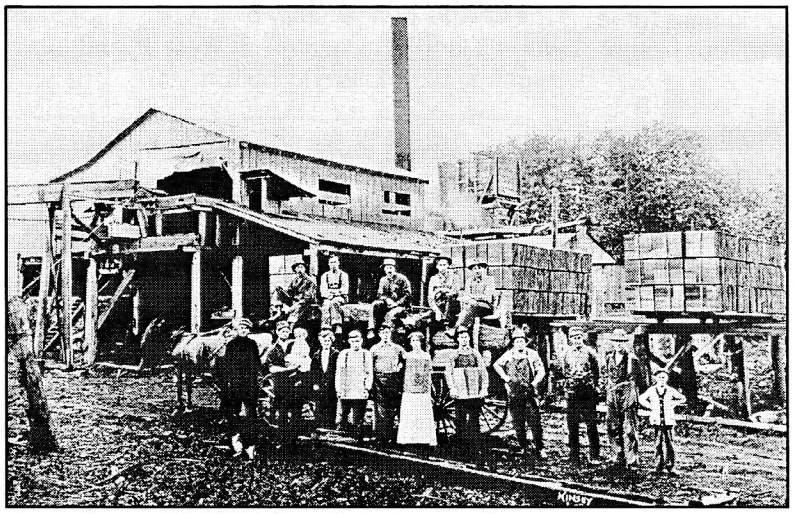
Cedar bolt site in Trafton about 1907. Although the first man from left is unidentified, others pictured are Charles Donahue, a Mr. McQuesten (standing on shingle bolts), Clinton Fralick, George Fralick, Albert Donahue, Grandpa Donahue, Mary Donahue, Frank Fulton, Emma Fralick Thomsen, Grandpa Fralick and Arthur Fralick. Standing to the right of the stump is Narcissie Fulton Fuhrman and Mrs. Fralick.



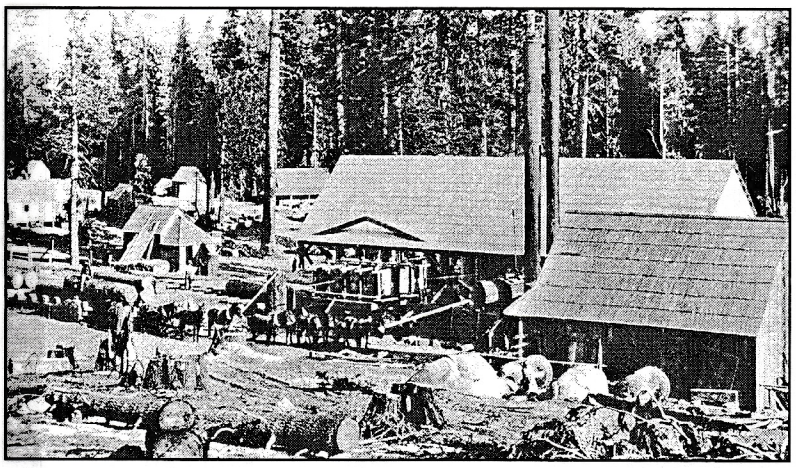
Mill, railroad tracks, train and mill pond.



Train crew standing beside two Shay locomotives on side tracks at the Bryant water tower.



Left: The Van Rooy Shingle Mill located near Cooper Spur just west of Trafton. Bottom row, Left to Right: Wesley Van Rooy, Reg Thompson, Bessie Van Rooy Thompson, unknown, Art Van Rooy, Agnes Van Rooy, unknown, unknown, unknown, John Van Rooy, young boy, Ken Van Rooy. Back row: all unknown.

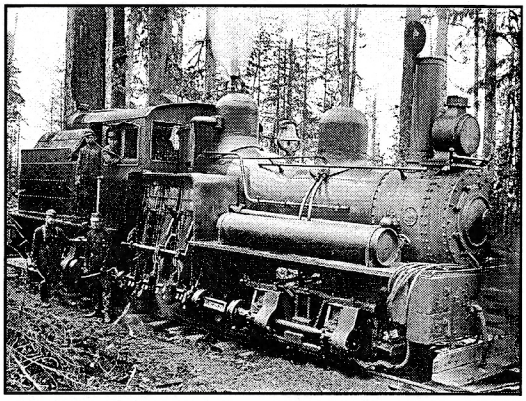


Lumber camp and sawmill near Arlington, from a 1912 postcard.

Handsome group of miners from the Arlington Mine taking a moment out of their busy day for a picture. Notice the smoke coming from the chimney.

Prosperity visible

From the Haller City Times files Aug 24, 1895. "It is a common thing for strangers visiting the towns of Arlington and Haller to express surprise at the signs of business activity and prosperity visible on every hand". There were 4 shingle mills, 3 sawmills and 15 logging camps in this vicinity, which employed 442 men, whose wages for one month reached the sum of $17,680.



Shay Locomotive.

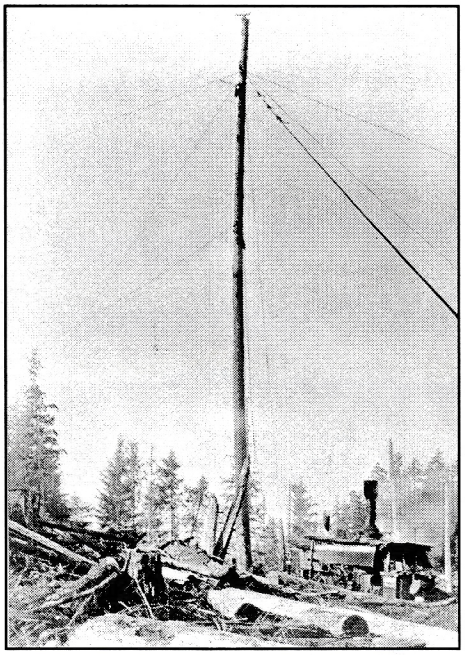
Left: Arlington Airport area, Warbus Logging Co., about 1905. Horse logging- 3 horses pulled car of logs to Brown's Mill near Meyer's place. Left to Right: 1) man w/horse. 2) Charles Warbus, 3) Tenny Denff, 4) Billie Denff, 5) John Denff, 6) Unknown, 7) John Cuthbert, 8) Unknown.

Shingle Mill and Weavers.

Firms doing business in this vicinity, which employ help, and the number of men employed by each. About 1895.

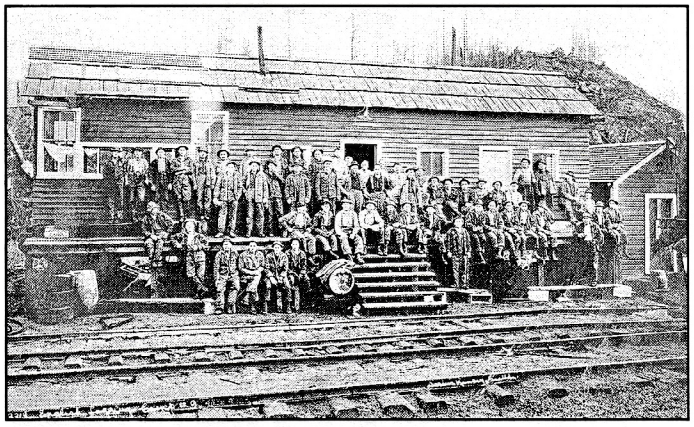
Shingle Mills		Logging Camp	
W. H. Ford	24	McGilvery & Co.	20
Verd & Sanders	18	S. C. Lillis	20
G. K. Hiatt & Co.	15	Peter McMartin	20
Dorgan & Tucker (shingle		Ferguson & McKilligan	22
and saw mill combined	8	Hogan & Bridges	20
		Irvine & Brown	25
Saw Mills		J. H. Raymond	6
Gifford & Kelly	37	Funk Bros.	4
		G. A. Rea (SP)	5
		Marlin & Larson	8
Miscellaneous		Verd & Sanders	35
Section Crew	6	Mr. Moe	25
Clerical positions	10	G. K. Hiatt & Co.	18
Bolt Cutters (approx.)	50	Bryan Bros.	22

English Camp #9.

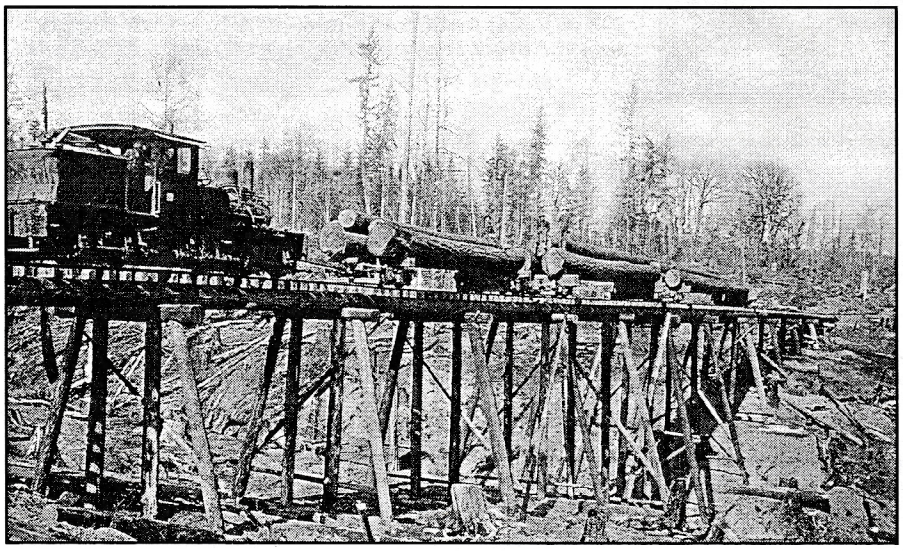


Ebey Camp No. 2, Donkey operator is Dennie Pierson. Notice the man on top of the spar tree.

Bryant, Wash. shingle mill crew. Left to Right: Ed Sullivan, Unknown, Matt Harrington, Unknown, Moore, Sam Sumner, Mat McGrath, Guy French, Sam Erdahl, Unknown, Unknown, Carl Berge, Wm. Piffer, Harry Berge, Will Verd. Bottom: Chas. Rickter.



Above: English Camp #9.



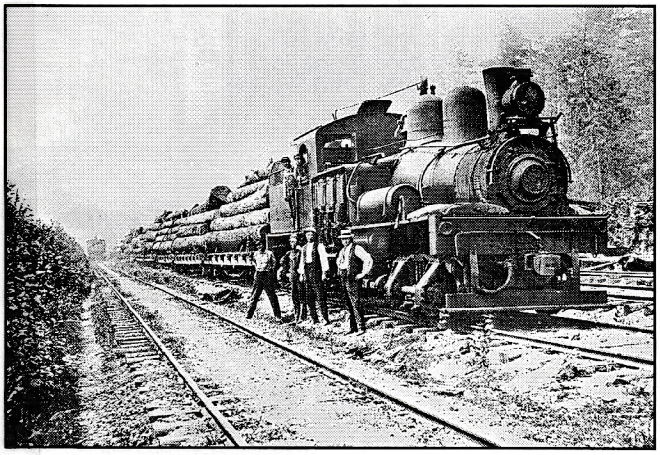
Left: Train trestle with train on track with logs.

July 26, 1902 - Interbay Brewing Co. erects a small cold storage house north of R. R. depot. Providing ice and ice cream in Arlington.

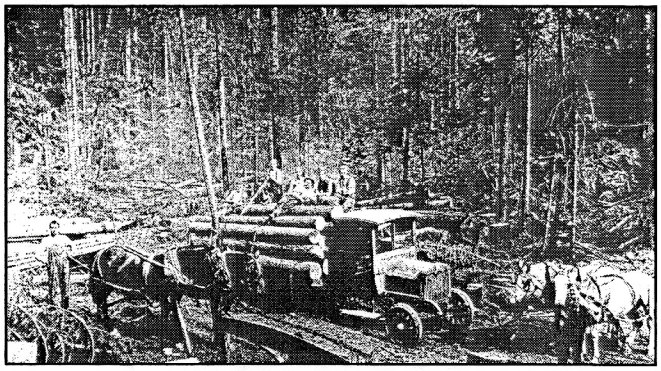
November 15, 1902 - Frank Sullivan broke a new record for sawing shingles on a Dunbar machine. The record was 30,000 shingles in 10 hours, he cut 39,250 shingles in 10 hours. L. A. Wheelers new mill runs 24 hours per day.

Derailed box car with cars in background. Notice the man with the umbrella in the suit, about 1900.

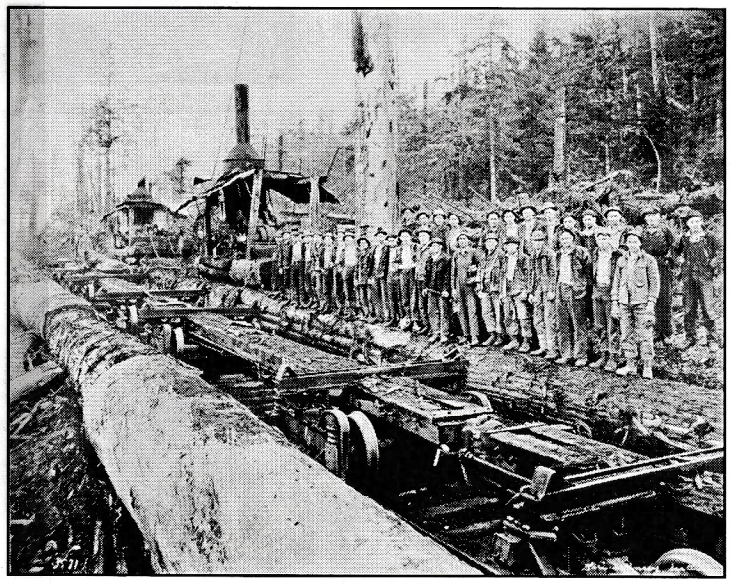
First log truck in the state of Washington, logging on Vernon Road. Driver is Clarence George.



Logging train and four men.



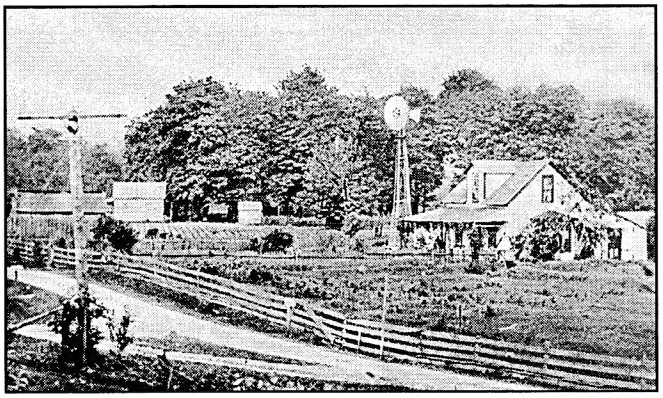
Rossman Lumber Company Camp at Granite Falls. Right to Left: John Fuhrman, Amer Getchman, George Lundberg, Mr. Rossman, Bill Wallis, Stuart Tolman, and Fritz Lindstrom.



Steam donkey and crew waiting along side of log car.

Logging Takes Higher Ground

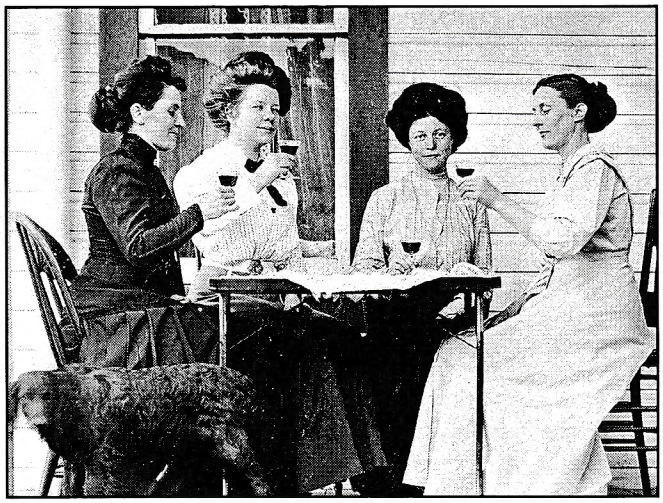
As the logging industry evolved, railroads headed for the ridge tops and skyline logging came to be. Tall trees on the higher hills would be rigged with blocks in their tops near the tracks and a similar tree would be rigged a distance away on the next ridge. A skyline cable would be hung between the two trees and a carriage of sorts would serve as the hooking point for the logs. A cable logging operation never worried about a mountain being too high or a canyon too steep. The steeper the better.



Ranch Home of Stephen and Martha Cicero at Cicero, Washington. In 1909, the building on the far left was once the Cicero Post Office.

Cicero was named for the owners of the grocery store. "Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cicero not only built the store but also a post office. Other buildings included a tavern, school, hotel, the Heath Morley sawmill and the Robertson shingle mill. The arrangement of the majority of these structures were known as the "cabbage patch". The Cicero family arrived from Stanwood in 1889 after traveling two days up the river with their stove, furniture and other supplies.

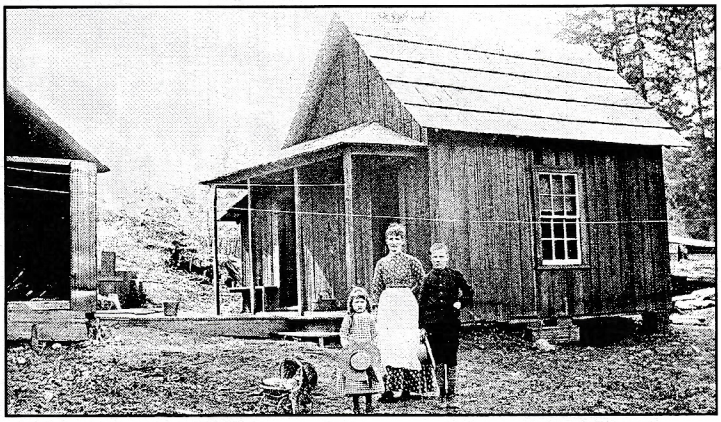
Left: Stephen and Martha Cicero, March 26, 1934.



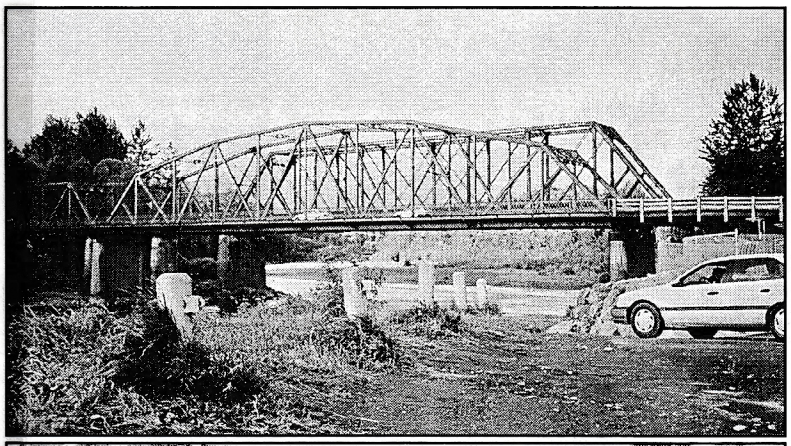
Mrs. Freeze, Edna (unknown), Mrs. Folis and Hannah Bergy Peterson.

Right: Otilia Peterson

Charles W. Brazelton Horses & Buggy. Left to Right: Ruth Brazelton Perrigo, Alda Brazelton Snelson, George Snelson, Charles Brazelton, Mary Brazelton holding Annie Snelson.

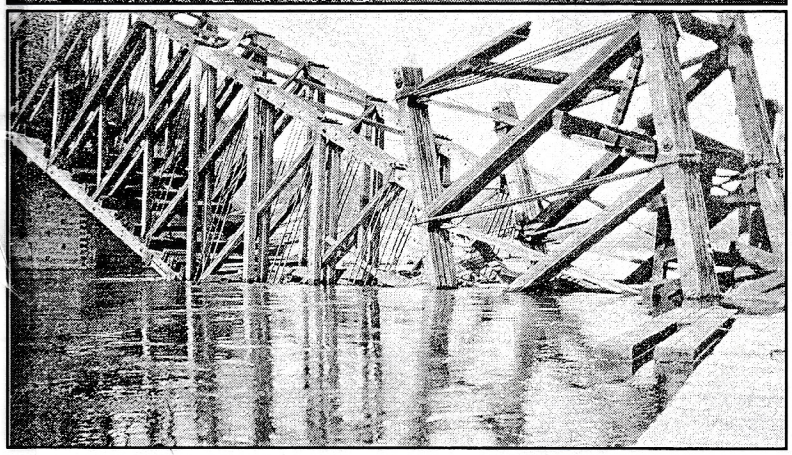


Mrs. Severson, daughter, Florence and son. Pioneers on Burn Hill.



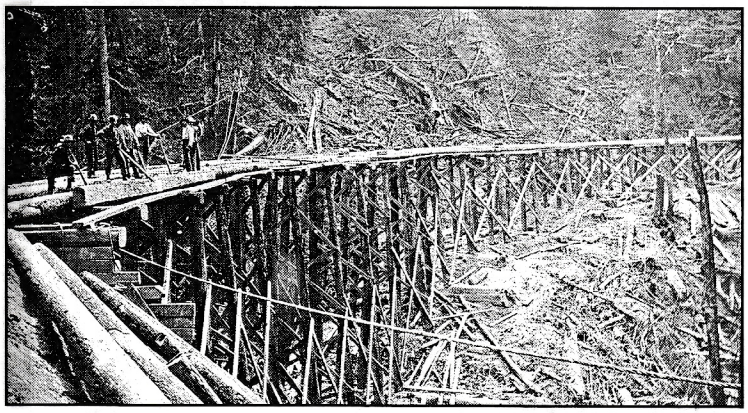
Left: Haller Bridge and Northern Pacific Railroad Bridge on State Route 9. The Haller Bridge was replaced in 1924 and again in 1999.

In 1890-91 Charles Verd, Jay Locke and Thomas Saunders established an extensive lumber and shingle mill on the north fork of the Stillaguamish River at Bryant. William H. Verd worked the mill with his father until 1902. This mill cut shingles continuously for 12 years, or about 3,300 cars of shingles, a value of more than one million dollars. Later the Stimson Mill Company converted it into a roundhouse and machine shop. A logging railroad was built in 1905 from Marysville to Bryant. Stimson Logging Company built the road known as the Marysville and Northern that ran west of Arlington. The last load of logs went out of the Bryant area on June 6, 1926. New settlers came in to farm the logged off land.

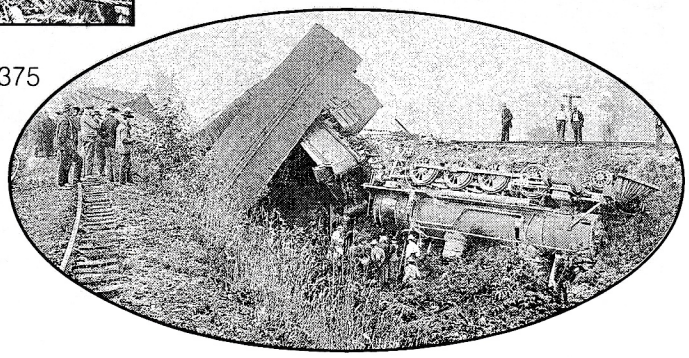


Stimson Railroad Bridge located on John Danielson farm 1½ miles west of Arlington, destroyed by flood waters in 1916. The Albert family currently owns the land.

Verd Mill located on Burn Hill. Front row: E. Baker, Bob McGladrey. Middle row: Will Verd, Wood, Unknown, George McGladrey, Hiram Baker, Wick, Jake Hafner. Back row: Unknown, Mr. Hart.



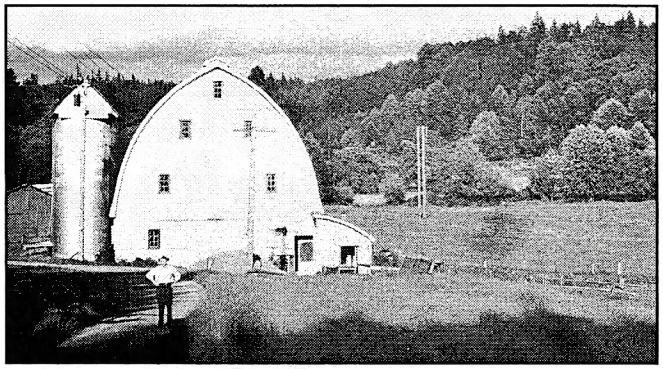
Halterman's Camp. Oso Logging Company bridge 375 feet long, 59 feet high.



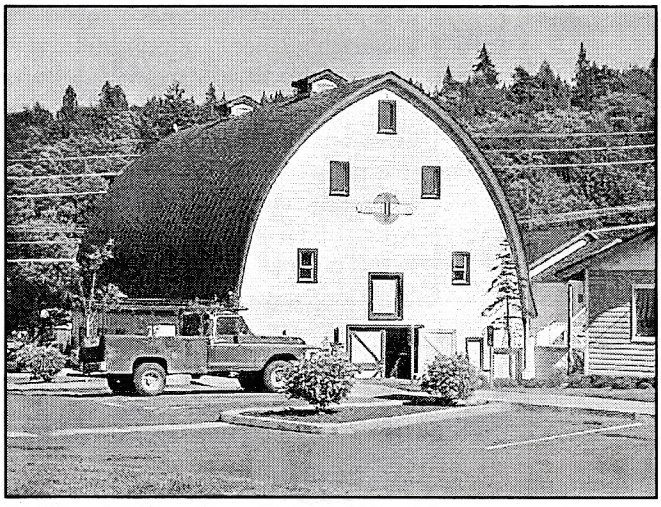
Right: Train Wreck at Junction of Darrington Branch, about 1911. Eight cars were derailed and two men killed.

Left: Russ Hunter and Joe Wallis.

Right: Sophie Davies and her mother, Dorothia Rotermundt.

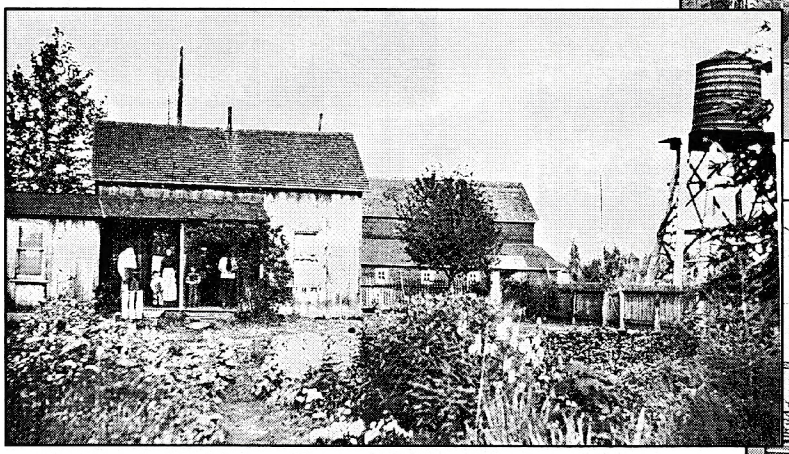


1952 Wallis farm.



Rose Creek Community Center, (Wallis Family Barn) off Burn road.

Looking south on Burn Road.



This farm was located where the 7-11 now stands at Smokey Point. The farm had 240 acres of land between old highway 99 (Smokey Point Boulevard) and Shoultes Road, owned by the C. Hild family. The property was sold to Washington Chick Cooperation as a research farm for turkey and chicken chicks.

Safeway and 7–11 at Smokey Point, 2003.

Above: The posse's ready, which way did he go? Left to Right are Josh Allen, Henry Spoerhase, Unknown, William Fowler, Bert Fowler, Unknown, and Alex Spoerhase.

Progress

The summer of 1899 was exciting as the Sunset Telephone and Telegraph Co. extended it's lines from Silvana to Arlington, with branches reaching Bryant, Pilchuck, Edgecomb (including Morgan's mill), and further up the North Fork for the local exchange. As of April of that year 25 subscriptions were secured, promising the best long-distance service available. Mrs. J. A. Gray was the first "Central" operator for 35 subscribers.

April 1903 - Masonic Lodge Organized.

June 1903 - Arlington issued first dog license, required building inspections and passed an ordinance, forbidding hogs to run at-large.

February 1904 - Arlington granted L. A. Wheeler the right to supply his home with running water and electricity from his Haller mill.

April 1904 - Rebecca Lodge organized.

April 1905 - Water was turned on in the mains of Railroad Ave.

November 1905 - First talk of a sewer system to the river.

May 1906 - A bathtub was installed at the Royal Hotel (now Olympic).

May 1909 - Darrington line sent 72 cars of logs in one train.

Left: Catching up on current events.

"Is this how I roll the log, Pa?"

Elmer Johnson and Eric Oien and the horse power on the Oien farm, now the High Clover Housing Development on Cemetery Road.

An unusual studio - At one time John Asplund used this giant western red cedar stump house for his photographer's studio. This stump was from a tree grown two miles west of Arlington on the Joseph Kraetz, Sr. farm. The stump was in the 400 block of the alley between Olympic and McLeod. The Royal Hotel (Olympic Hotel, 2003) is in the background. The stump was moved to the Pioneer Hall in 1923. The Joseph Kraetz, Sr. family– Left to Right- Louis, Joe Jr., Joe Sr., Annie (Mrs. Joe), Sam, Sophie, Louise, and Ernest.

John Asplund opened a photographic studio in Arlington, the family lived in rooms out back. John bought 90 acres, a mile and a half out of town by Lake Armstrong. He built a farmhouse with a log exterior, cleared part of the land and became a farmer. He had hopes of starting a dairy, producing goat milk, but it wasn't a success, all the while, still being a photographer. John would go into the woods to logging camps and take pictures of the loggers and all their equipment, then return to his studio and develop the pictures in his log dark-room. After they were developed he would take them to the logger's families. In his studio he would sell pictures of the town, mountains, buildings and woods.

John and Hattie Asplund. Married in 1893.

Birthday party held about 1903 by the first kindergarten class in Arlington. Teacher was Miss Vogt. Location was at corner of Olympic and Fifth Street. Girl with long hair is Ella Asplund Wardell, daughter of John Asplund. Paul Marsh is identified at right; George Brown in rear.

Left: Asplund studio in the lobby of a local hotel.

December 1903 - A 500-pound city curfew bell arrived. It was erected in a 28-foot tower on 3rd Street. Curfew was rung at 9:00 P.M., everyone under 16 was required to be with a parent.

John E. Asplund's funeral. He died 19 Dec. 1915 on his ranch near Lake Armstrong and buried 21 Dec. 1915 in Harwood Cemetery, Arlington. He left a family of eight children and wife, Hattie Mae Bates Asplund.

Left: Site being prepared for building of the dam.

Below: First electrical dam on Jim Creek to supply power to Arlington -1905

Jim Creek Dam

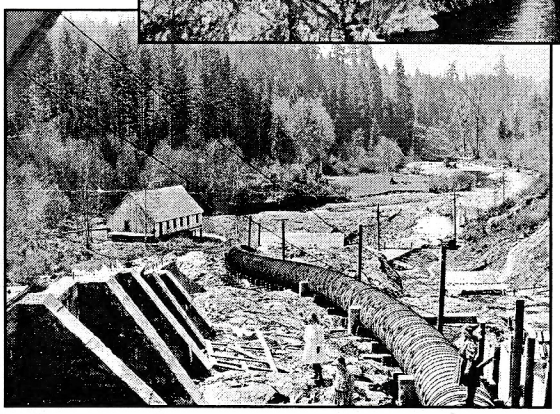
To accommodate Arlington's nightlife kerosene streetlights were installed. Later carbide lights were replaced by the Arlington Light, Water and Power Company. The Jim Creek Dam produced the power.

This dam was considered the highest hydroelectric dam in the world. The 60 foot wooden structure was built in 1905, which was named after Indian, Jim Gardner, who had been born at the mouth of the creek. The Indian name for the creek was Klatsko.

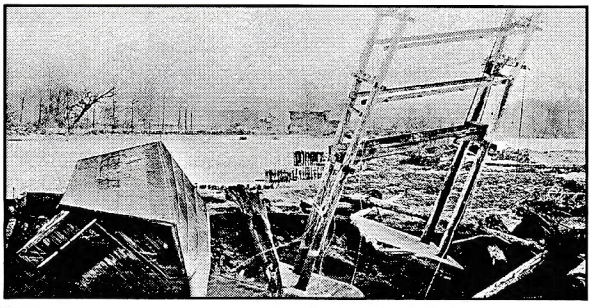
The dam and accompanying reservoir, seven miles east and upriver from town, was organized and incorporated September 11, 1905 by Thomas Moran, President, Neil Brown, Secretary & Treasurer, and Nels K. Tvete. Superintendent was Edwin G. Robinson. Unfortunately for Tvete, Moran and Brown, the wooden dam was washed out one year later. But in 1907, they set to work on a concrete structure, which also was damaged by flood. The dam and reservoir were rebuilt for a third time in 1909.

The facility was renamed Jim Creek Water, Light and Power Co. By June 12,1916 the entire property was sold to Warner Marshall of Boston, Mass, who later transferred it to the corporation of Puget Sound Power & Light Company. With a 200-kilowatt capacity, the dam was able to supply the town of Arlington. In 1918, an 11 KV line was connected from Mount Vernon to Stanwood for an extra power supply to Arlington through a tie line, which also served the Stanwood plant. With its location in the mountains, wind and rainstorms caused frequent power outages – one of the major reasons the operation was phased out in 1935 when blown up by dynamite.

Culvert-like concrete footings remained to constrict the channel causing many spawning Chinook, Chum, Coho and Pink salmon to stack up. Therefore, in August 2002 Stillaguamish Tribal biologists and local farmers carefully placed custom-made blasting charges in the remaining bulwarks, reducing it to rubble and widening the channel.



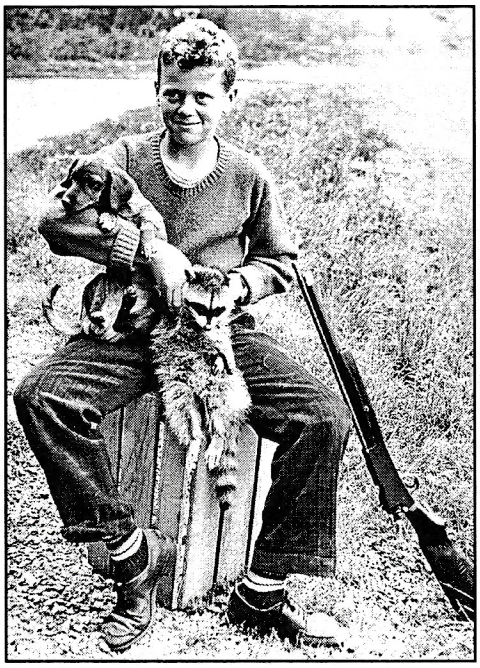
Jim Creek Penstock with Fish Hatchery – 1908. Frances Robinson on penstock and Doris or Vera Hinds at left of penstock.



Arlington was left in the dark after the power transformers were downed in the flood of 1922.

Light Rates, 1927

Puget Sound Power & Light Co. announced a reduction in primary lighting rate for Arlington & Stanwood by 1 cent a kilowatt hour (about 12 percent).



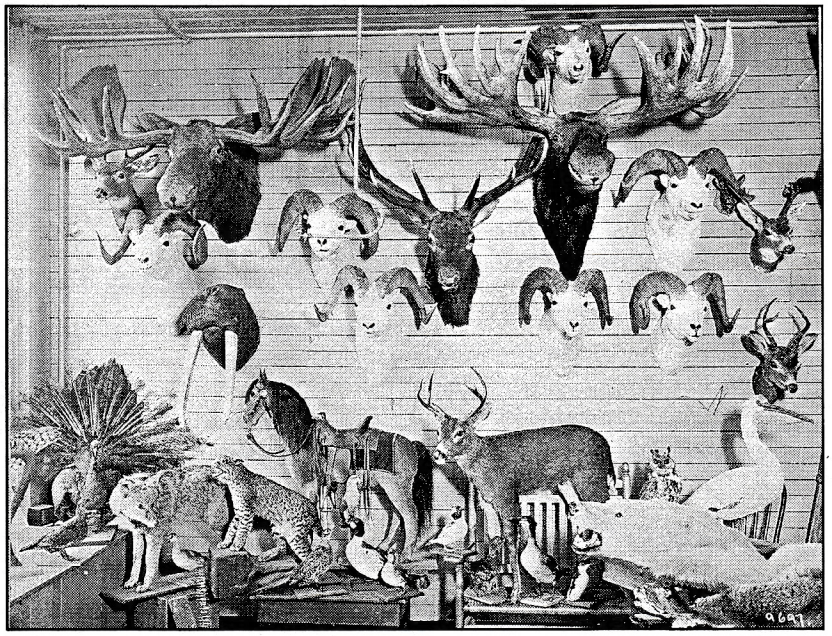
Joseph Winters Wallis
with his hunting dog and rifle
holding the raccoon he shot.

Otto Wrage.

Young woman fishing on the
Stillaguamish River.

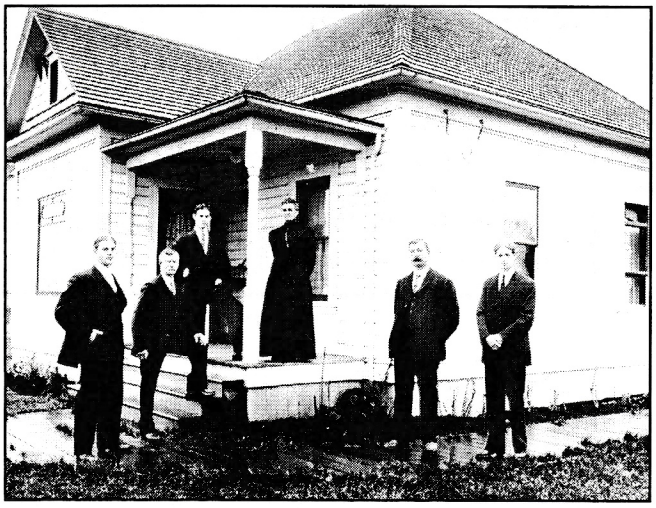
Left: The Lemond family. Left to
Right: Jim Lemon, Frank Lemon,
Jenny Lemon Peterson, and sitting in
front is Gladys Lemon Morris.

A good day of hunting in
the land of plenty.



Jim Lemond's Taxidermy Shop.

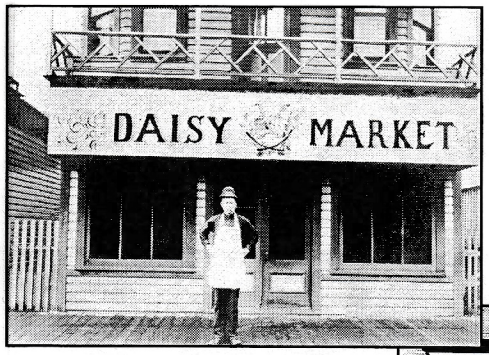
William J. Brounty built and established the first meat market in Haller City on Cox Street from 1888 to 1891. He moved away and returned in 1897/98 to become a partner with Gilbert L. Wick in the Daisy Meat Market, one of the solid businesses in Arlington at the turn of the century. Mr. Brounty bought out Mr. Wick and in 1907 admitted his son, Theodore, as a partner. In 1912 they and Neil Brown organized the Arlington Feed Company. Both businesses were sold to R. W. Shaw in 1916, who renamed the butcher shop Shaw's Daisy Market. The building became the West Dependable Store and Meat Market owned by Mr. and Mrs. Putnam.



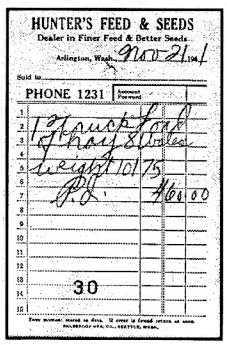
Brounty Family. Left to Right: Walter, William, Elmer, Anna, Ted and Jim.

Teddy Brounty's butcher shop where you could buy steak for 10 cents a pound, about 1904.

A look at the inside of Shaw Daisy Market's butcher shop about 1927. Left to Right: Palmer Fingarson, Jim Brounty, Oscar Nelson.



Another view of Brounty's Meat Market now wearing the sign Daisy Market.



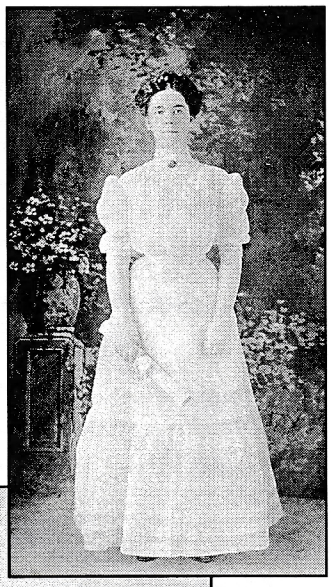
Left: Hunter's Feed & Seed receipt.

Mr. and Mrs. George Putnam, owners, of the West Dependable Store and Meat Market. Pete Fingarson in white apron (meat cutter), this business was located on Olympic Avenue next to the old Arlington Times building in the 1930s. Later it became Arlington Garden Center.

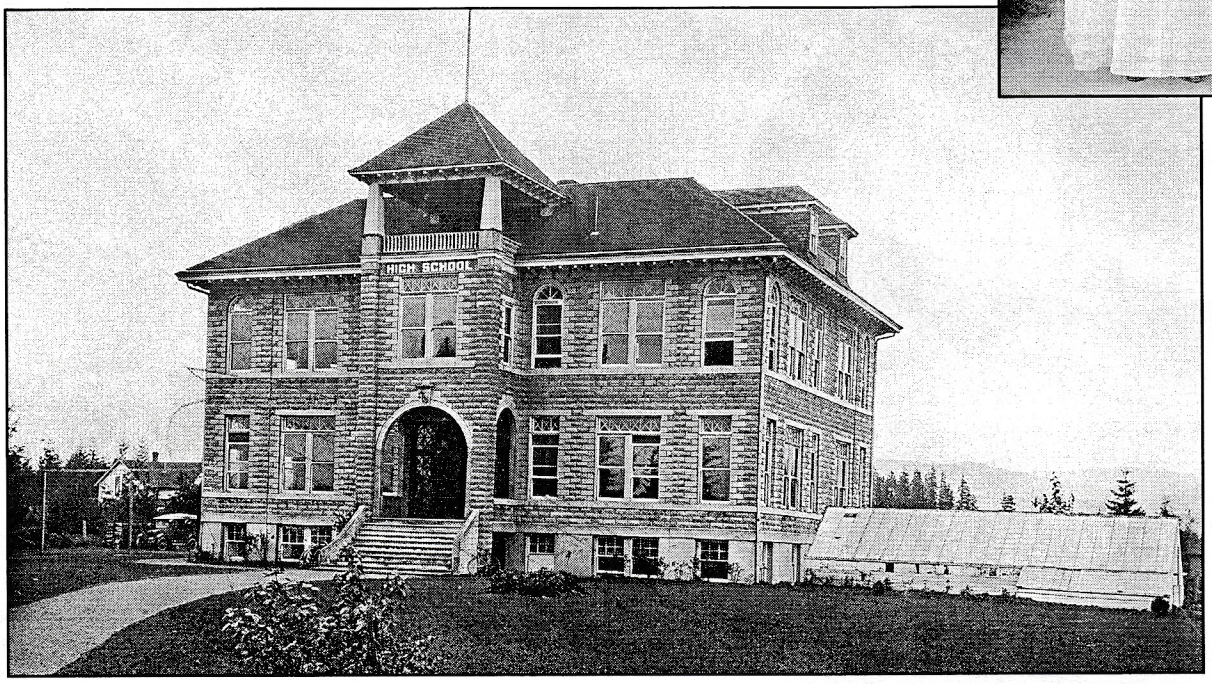
Higher Education

In 1908, three outlying districts – Edgecomb, Island, and Trafton joined with the Arlington School District. The consolidated district raised $15,000 to build a high school on French Street, with an auditorium seating 90 students. The new Arlington High School opened its doors on September 14, 1908, with 50 students and four teachers.

In 1912, a Manual Training and Domestic Science building was erected next to the main building. By 1913 the high school population was 90 students. A new wing was added as well as a gymnasium and an athletic field.

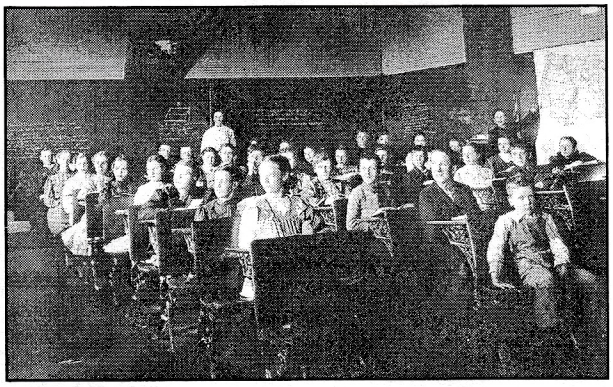


Right: Margaret Moseford Barber, Graduation Day 1890.



Arlington High School, 1921.

Arlington High School under construction in 1908.



Elementary school room. Emma Aldridge, the teacher giving a geography lesson. Notice the Math lesson on the board and the student desks. The wood floor is also oiled.

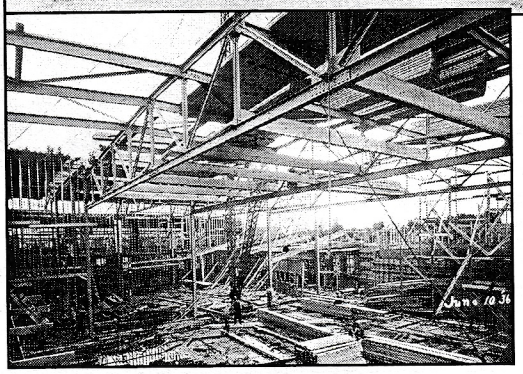
At noon on July 11, 1934, Miss Minnie Gallaugher noticed smoke rising from the high school building. She turned in the alarm. The fire, which started in the Domestic Science building, spread to the roof of the main building. The roof was a total loss and the interior suffered greatly from smoke and water damage. That fall, classes met at Roosevelt and Garfield while the main building was cleaned up and renovated.

Under President Roosevelt's New Deal, federal funds became available for local construction projects. In the spring of 1936 the 44-year-old Garfield School was taken down to make room for the new high school. In the fall of 1936 the new high school opened with 453 students and 19 teachers.

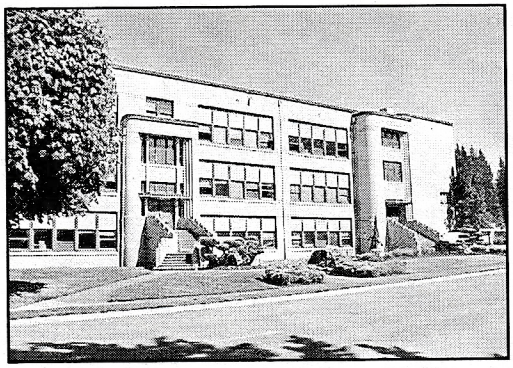
The Arlington School District in its Centennial year includes the following schools: Weston High School, Post Middle School and the elementary schools; Eagle Creek, Kent Prairie, Pioneer (opened in 2002), the Presidents complex, and Trafton.

A new high school is being constructed at the Crown Ridge area, which will be dedicated prior to the 2003-2004 school year. The old "A-building," which served the community faithfully for 67 years, will be retired from the school system.

Left: Buses picking up the children in front of Arlington High School in 1912. Standing by first wagon: Bertha and Meta Kraetz, Agusta and Lenore Bohl. Seated in first window of first wagon are Antonia Kraetz and Bill Thomsen.



Construction of the High School building on French Street - June 10, 1936.



High School "A" building - 2003.

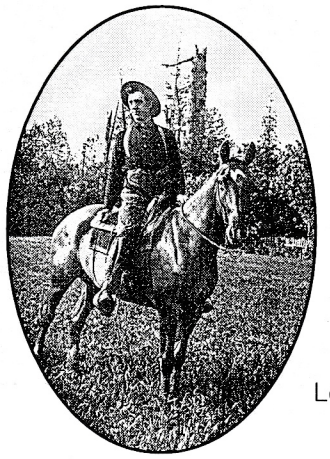
Fire of July 11, 1934.

Spoerhase and Schloman Families, Left to Right: Cosima Schloman, Meta Schloman, William Warbus, John Schloman, Jr., John Schloman, Sr., Unknown, Unknown, Toby Johanson, Henry Spoerhase, Jr., Rosamund Spoerhase, Henry Schloman, Henry Spoerhase, Sr., and Grover Spoerhase.

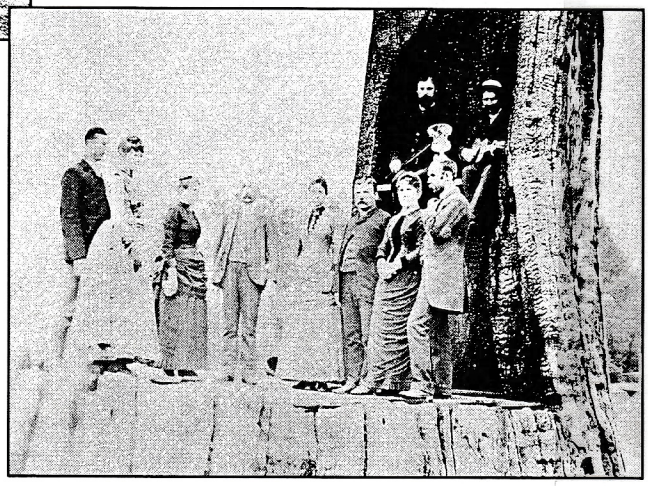
Ellen Joyce Preston.

Virginia Wallis Champ, daughter of the pioneer Wallis family.

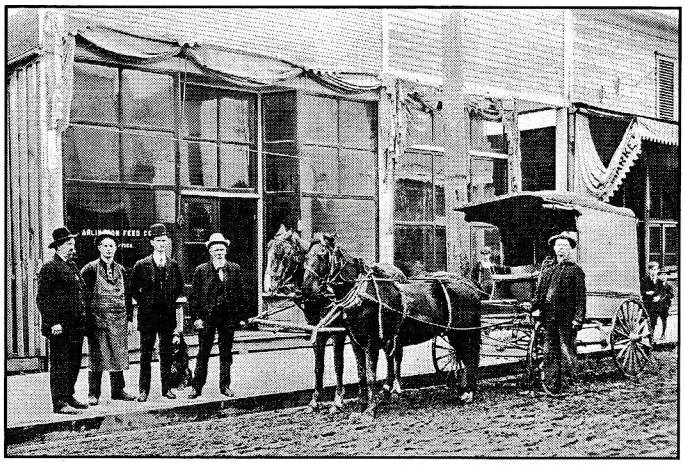
Left: The Nels Sather Family in front of their farm showing off modes of transportation. Left to Right: Hillmar, Bertha, Mrs. Dora, Nora, Julius and Nels Sather.



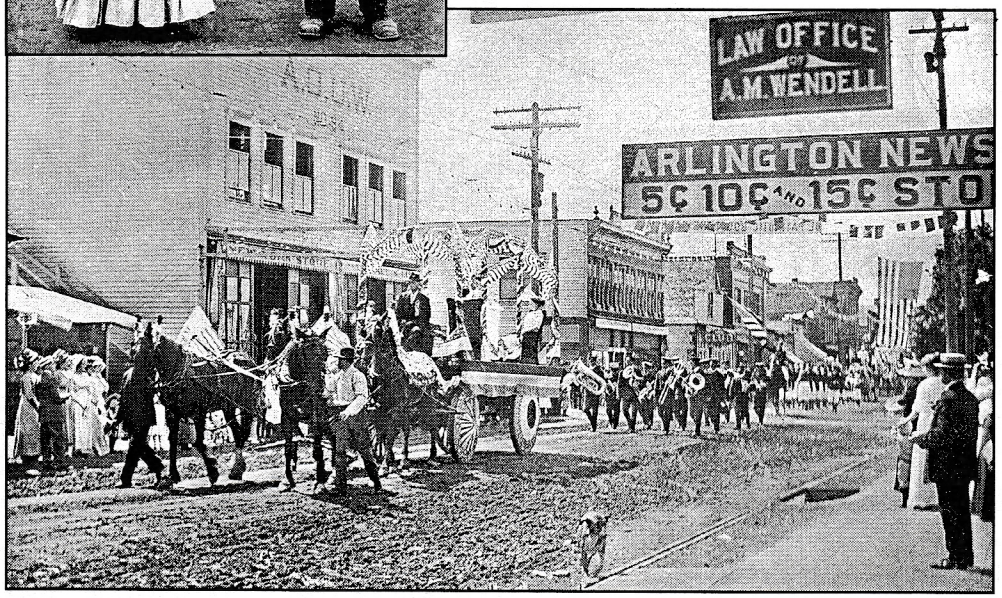
Left: Stanley Ritchie, a Bryant settler.



Famous Square-Dance Stump.

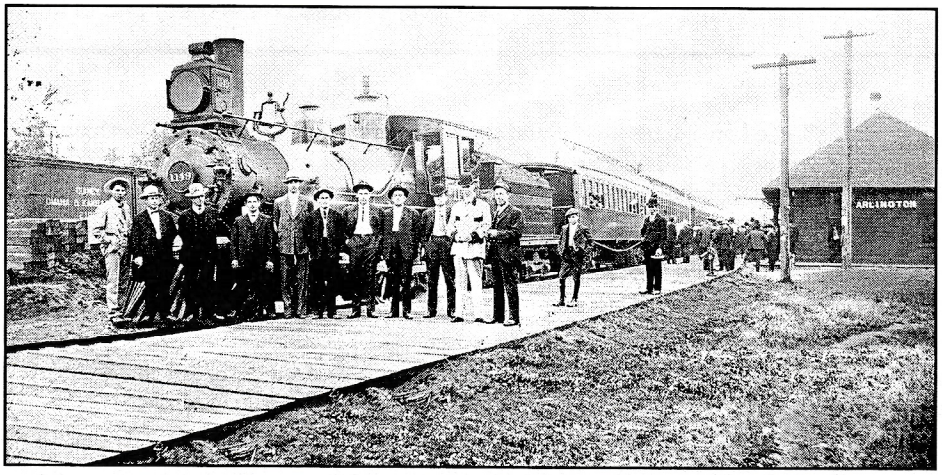


Showing Arlington's first concrete sidewalk in front of the Arlington Feed Company between 3rd and 4th - 1913.



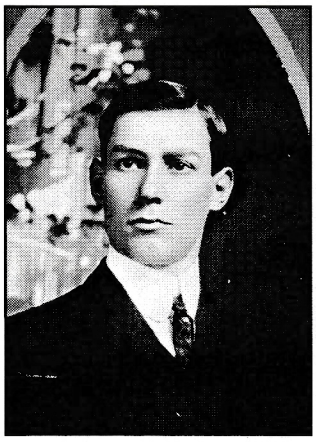
Inset left: Couple dressed for the festivities.

Left: 4th of July Parade in front of the A.O.U.W. building. Next is the bank, displaying the second floor false front with creative cast iron work. The only building in town to have this distinction - 1915.



Seattle, North Shore and Eastern Depot scene. This is Arlington's baseball team with manager, J. B. Riley (in white suit) heading for a game in Bothell.

Nancy Cristoferson
1888–1935



Dr. Mose, the local dentist.

Mrs. and Dr. E. Martin Adams.

Dr. Mose taking a day off to hunt.

Dr. William Forrest Oliver and his horse in front of a huge fallen log on the north fork of the Stillaguamish River in 1889.

Dr. Oliver's house on the north end of McLeod.

Some Early Doctors

Dr. Oliver came to Washington in 1889, filed on a homestead claim at Cicero that he owned until his death on August 24, 1930 at 71 years. Being a pioneer doctor to a widely scattered community meant traveling by foot, canoe, horse, livery rig, bicycle and later by his own invention, a special railway speeder

Dr. E. Martin Adams, came to Arlington in 1902 and began a service that took him to Darrington, McMurray, Kellogg Marsh and Florence. He is said to have delivered more than 1,500 babies. Dr. Adams was the director of the Arlington General Hospital from 1907–1957.

Dr. J. E. Harris, bought the practice of Dr. E. Mohrmann and left the area in 1918.

Dr. Otho Granville Kesling, led the second generation of medical men who came to Arlington, arriving here in 1913 and in 1921 was elected mayor.

Dr. Elijah Clements Leach, came and leased the Arlington General Hospital from Dr. Harris in 1918. His son, Donald, was killed in World War II. Dr. Leach was a member of the Arlington School Board for 20 years, serving as chairman during the planning and building stages of the Arlington High School.

Some other early doctors that worked in the area were: Dr. Benjamin Fulton, Dr. Calvin Teager and Dr. E. Mohrmann.

Hospital History

In 1907 Dr. E. Martin Adams remodeled the Eagan property, a private home on McLeod Street to give Arlington its first hospital. The hospital was in use until 1927, when the building became Moll's Funeral Home.

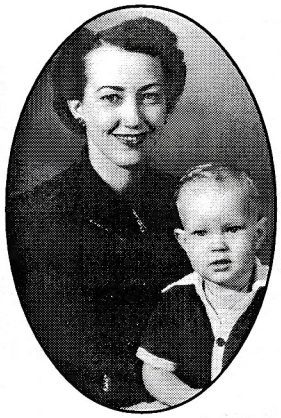
Dr. J. E. Harris started the second hospital in 1909 in Cobb's Addition, when he built the Arlington General Hospital on Union Street. This was the first building in the county originally built as a hospital. Fifty years later it was replaced by a new hospital and turned into a board-and-care facility and renamed Arlington Manor. On April 27, 1998 a fire killing eight women residents destroyed the 90-year-old building.

By 1956, the need for Health Care expansion had become urgent. Jence and Florence Thompson, who had been managing the General Hospital, were influential in acquiring community financing through bonds for a new building. In 1958 a new facility was completed on Stillaguamish Avenue. The Snohomish County Commissioners approved the formation of the Stillaguamish Valley Public Hospital District Number 3, in 1964. The area residents approved in 1965 a special bond issue and a special levy for hospital district funds and renamed it Cascade Valley Hospital.

Cascade Valley has continued to expand and improve its medical facilities in the intervening years. Between 1964 and 1996 the bed capacity has expanded from 16 to 48 and employees increased from 30 to 300. Cascade has specialist in Orthopedic Surgery, Women's Health, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and a Wound Care Center. Currently 400 are employed and the hospital serves 110,000 patients each year.

The first Arlington General Hospital at 108 E. Union Street became the Arlington Manor boarding home.

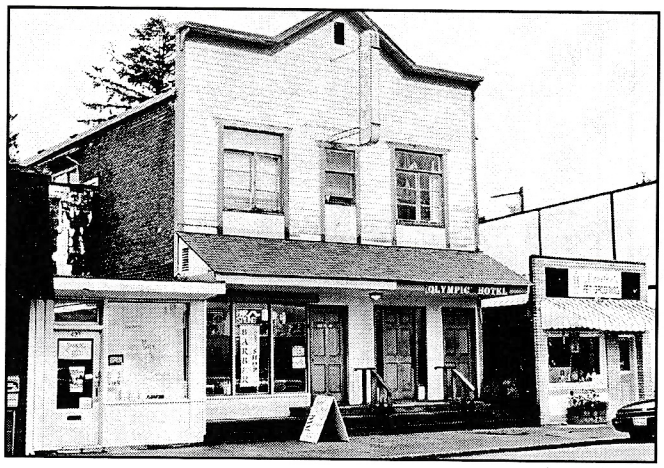
Cascade Valley Hospital.



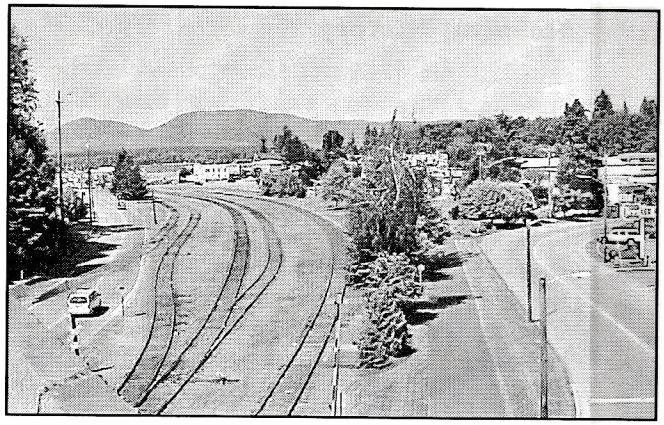
Left: Florence Thompson and son Jens.

Doctor Adam's Hospital now Weller Funeral Home on McLeod street. Nurse is standing in the doorway.

Weller's Funeral Home - 2003.



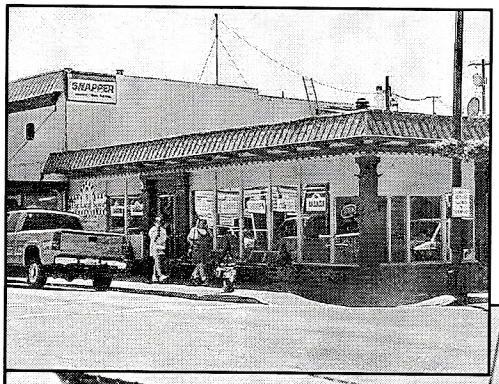
The Olympic Hotel (originally the Hotel Royal), Barbershop, Tanning Salon and Jennifer's Pet Grooming on Olympic Ave.



View from Hwy. 9 on West Ave. looking north along remaining railroad tracks.

Left: Bonnie (Peck-Hinton) and Virginia "Toots" (Weston), the two daughters of Rudie & Clara (McGladrey) Thomsen, about1932.

Mr. & Mrs. Madsen, Ruth & Kenneth enjoying the day in the yard of their home on the hill at 3rd & Dunham.



Left: Local Scoop - 2003.

Below: Arlington Garden Center.

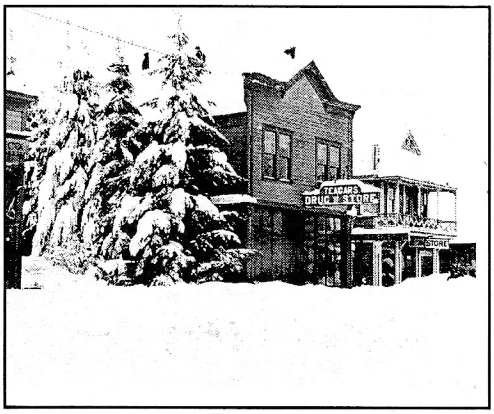
Oluf Ronning

The Snow Storm of 1916

The big snow storm of February 3, 1916 dumped up to 43" of heavy, wet snow in some parts of the Puget Sound area, the Stillaguamish River was frozen over, and residents of Arlington – as well as many other Snohomish County communities – spent days digging out. Winds created 5-ft drifts. Many buildings collapsed, cattle were crushed in barns, rail traffic was interrupted, and mail delivery was stopped for two days. It was considered one of the heaviest snowfalls in memory.

Downtown – Vienna Bakery and others.

Looking east up 3rd street toward the old City Hall bell tower.



Right: Store fronts – Teagar's Drugstore.

Record Storms, Floods & Droughts

1948: May/June - Greatest spring flooding from snow melt.

1950: Jan. 13 - Coldest winter on record with temps dropping to 32 degrees or lower for 18 days, and the 2nd greatest snow fall of the century.

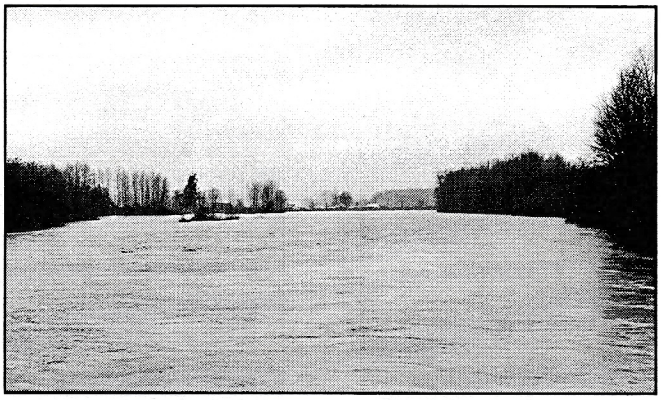
1962: Oct. 12 - Columbus Day Wind Storm, the mother of all wind storms of the century, 88-150 MPH, blew down 15 billion board feet of timber ($750 Million).

1976-77: Worst drought in Pacific Northwest history, water and power rationing.

1990: November - The Stillaguamish stands with the Elwha, Cedar, Snoqualmie, Skykomish and the Snohomish Rivers as having the highest flood record.

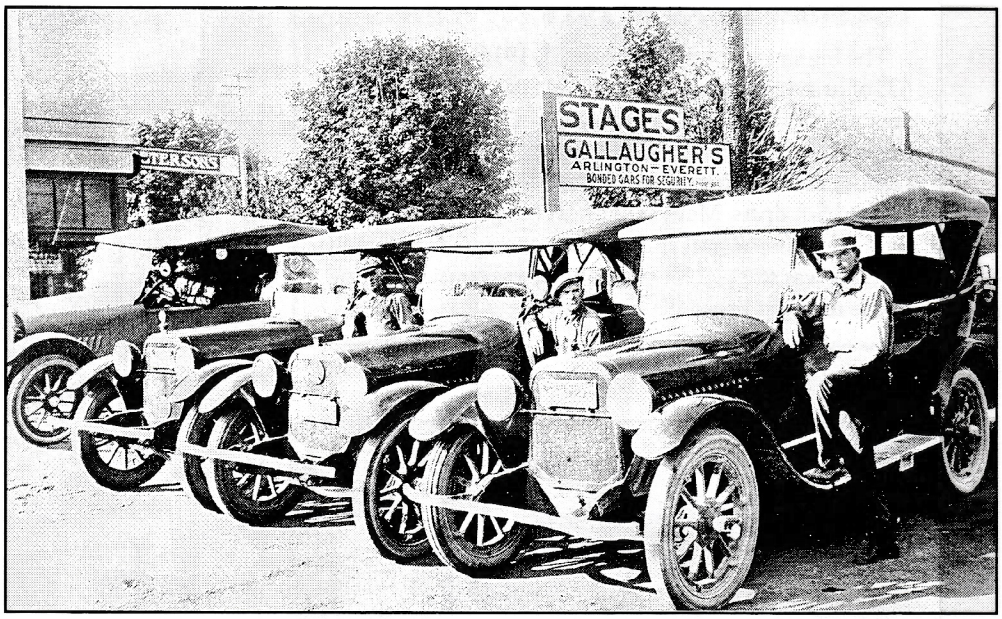
1993: Jan. 20 - The Inauguration Day Wind Storm, 60-70 MPH, ¾ million homes & business powerless, total damage in western Washington reached $130 Million.

1996: February - Flooding



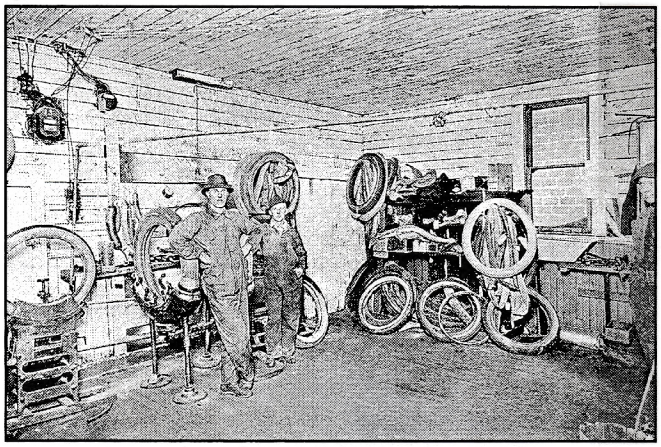
The result of melting snow. Looking west from Haller Bridge at the swollen Stillaguamish River.

The first bus line in Arlington was operated by Mr. Johnson and Thomas Heesely. It carried six passengers between Everett, Arlington and Stanwood. Wes Gallaugher in 1916 operated a five passenger bus service between Arlington and Everett, which ran three times daily. At one time Arlington had a Greyhound bus office and sold tickets for all Greyhound destinations.



Gallaugher's Stages ran from Arlington to Everett. About 1910.

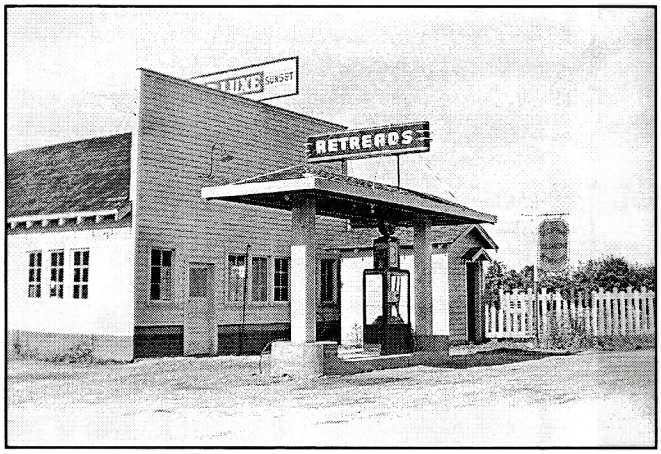
Guy, Jessie, Hiram Jr. and Glen Monty showing off the first car of the area.



Pearlie Robb's Tire Shop located west of Arlington on Hwy. 530. His helper is Walt Shannon.

Ann Marie Hoidal (mother) Karn Petrine Hoidal (daughter) 1917.

Joe Kraetz playing his zither with a friend on the guitar about 1920.



Pearlie Robb's Station.

Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Association

In August of 1912, Matthew M. McCaulley, Charles Marshall and another pioneer perchance to meet on the corner of Railroad Ave. and Third St. in Arlington, while visiting it was suggested that the Snohomish County Pioneers should organize an association. This trio of men appointed themselves as a boosting committee and called a mass meeting of pioneers on August 3rd, 1912 at the Town Hall. A resolution was carried to celebrate the home adoption of Washington Territory and the State at a Pioneer picnic on Labor Day, Sept. 21, 1912 in Scholman's grove.

Invitations were sent out to all pioneers in the county to attend the first picnic, but a rainy night and morning clouds drove the picnickers into Workman Hall, where the feast was laid out in the dining room.

W. F. Oliver was elected president and Matthew McCaulley as secretary for one year. At the end of the planned program Capt. W. H. Thacker an Illinois veteran of 1861, read an original poem.

Old Pioneers

By Captain W. H. Thacker

That hardy band of pioneers,
They builded better than they knew;
They lived the pure and simple life-
From nature inspiration drew.

Their's were the hearts to do and dare,
And loyal in the hour of need;
No matter whether rich or poor,
They question not of Faith and Creed.

Their generous hearts and helpful hands,
Poured out their Christian love like wine;
And towering church and brazen bells,
Could make their work no more divine.

They heard the call from out the West,
And westward on their course they led;
They bridged the streams and blazed the trails,
The feet of Empire soon should tread.

The common luxuries of today,
To them, indeed, were things unknown;
And where they delved and sweat and toiled,
This palace homes of wealth have grown.

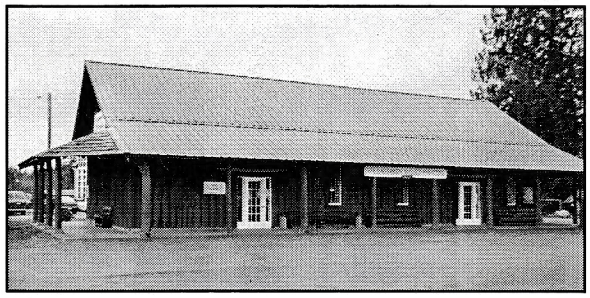
No truer lives were ever lived;
In honest toil their years were spent,
And though to fame they are unknown,
The country ground's their monument.

Mrs. Mary Kernaghan and daughter, Garnet Saylor.

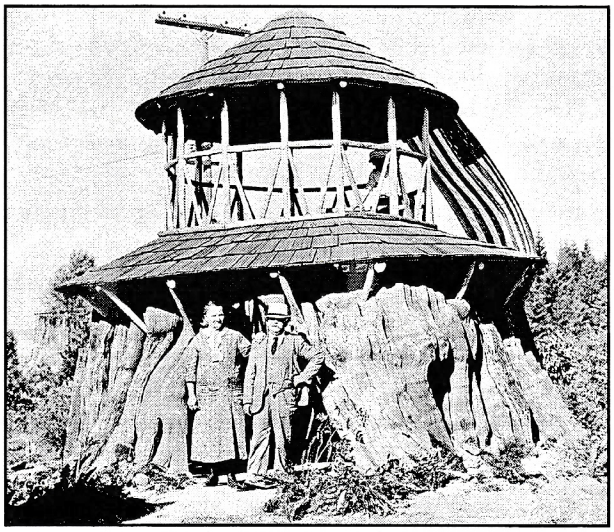
Pioneer Hall

In 1916, M. Birckenmier, an old pioneer of Arlington, presented to the Pioneer Association eight acres of cleared land for a Pioneer Park. In 1921 at a meeting of the officers and committeemen of the Stillaguamish Associates of Washington Pioneers, held at the Twin City Hotel, it was voted to erect a lodge or headquarters building in Pioneer Park. President W. F. Oliver named the following committee to have charge of erection of the building: Mrs. Mary Kernaghan, L.C. Fry, J.H. Persun, C.J. Murphy & Arthur Westover.

The Pioneer Hall, which is 30' by 70' of peeled timbers set vertically to form walls with a huge stone fireplace was completed in 1923. Annual picnics have been held in the building for ninety years. There have been some major improvements to the hall such as updating the kitchen and the restrooms. Jens Jensen built a small museum where the stage is located, which housed old artifacts until the new museum was built.



Pioneer Hall is used as a rental for wedding's, school and family reunions as well as civic events.

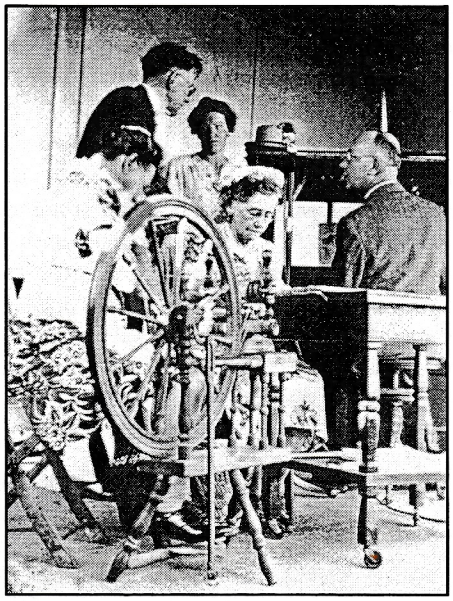


Joe and Anna Kraetz are shown in front of the stump after dedication.

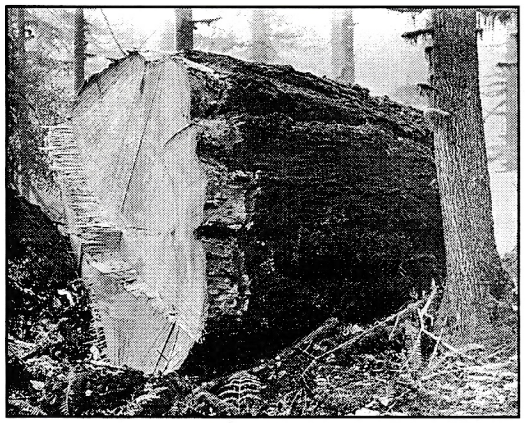
This Western Red Cedar Stump originally grew on the Joseph Kraetz, Sr. farm west of Arlington. The top portion of the tree was made into shingle bolts, hauled to the river by horse and sled, then floated downstream to a mill. The stump portion was cut off with the intent of having it sent to the World's Fair in Sweden, but proved cost prohibitive. J.E. Asplund used the stump house as his photo gallery.

The stump house was placed on the grounds of the Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Association and dedicated August 19, 1934 in honor of Dr. William Forrest Oliver.

Calvin Marsh, a guest speaker at an annual picnic.

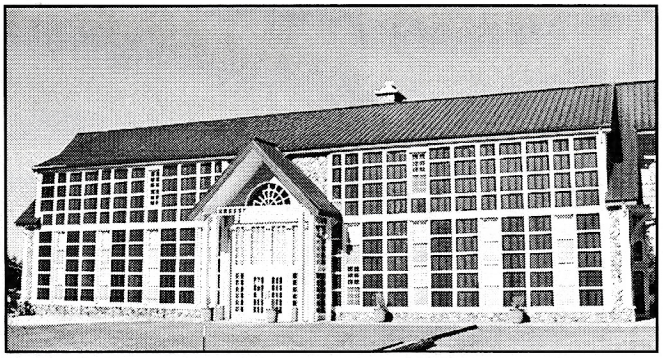


During a pioneer picnic Grandma Wold (right) and Charlotte Holmstad Wold (left) gave a spinning wheel demonstration. This wheel is on display at the museum. Calvin Marsh standing in the background.



Stump section of the 700 year old fir tree cut at Verlot by Charlie Engeseth.

Right: June 1967 dedication of the 700-year-old fir tree section on the grounds in front of the Pioneer Hall. Donation made by Ben Oberg and William Roal. Pictured Left to Right: Paul Wangsmo, Bill Wallace, Jim Brown, Otto Rojahn, Louis Kraetz, Nellie George, Max and Jennie Eitzenberger and Roy Robb.



Stillaguamish Pioneer Museum

Pioneer Museum

August 21, 1988, almost one hundred years after Dr. Oliver came to the valley, ground was broken, behind the Pioneer Hall, for a museum. The idea to house and preserve local history in pictures, regional memorabilia and family treasures was put into action. After ten years of fund raising, hard work and true dedication the dream of a lifetime was fulfilled at the museum's grand opening March 9, 1997.

88th Annual Pioneer Picnic, August 2000.

Row 1: Bob Kraski, Mary Jean Kraski, Bill Senica, Chris Klineburger, Collene Klineburger, Hal Wetmore, Joanne Hoidal Wetmore, Richard Hoidal, Marvin Rogneby, Olga Hamilton Rogneby, Helen Verd Starr, Evelyn Walker, Marylou Hoidal, Ed Almli, Vi Peterson, Mary Ann Ekroth, Bill Sill, Martha Grimm Young, Olive Stensen Maurstad, Dorothy Grimm Carroll, George Carroll, Bill Grimm, Olive Kraetz, Catherine Brodersen, Gunder Gilbert.

Row 2: Edith Roal, Leonard Ottem, John Jensen, Joann Gray, Jack Gray, Mary Jo Fritz, Gladys Giebel, Margaret Brekhus, Korene Thomas, Maurice Thomas, Doris Senica, Inez Kuhnhausen, Kathryn Sass, Edna Nordine, Erling Espedal, Marjorie (Tiny) Espedal, Betty Grimm Keller, Lou Keller, Lois Angeledes, JoAnn Sill, Ruth Yost

Row 3: Dena Anderson, Gary Nelson, JoAnne Knutson Nelson, Evelyn F. Mills, Dorothy Knutson Madson, Shirley Lamp Nickerson, Laura Chrisman Nevares, Gert Kazen, Don Kazen, Gosta Pearson, Al Haftersen, Sylvia Dycus, Nels Ekroth, Cecile Bannister, Hugh Bannister, Loren Kraetz, Pat Kraetz, Donna Stow Sjoquist, Bill Brodersen, Vera Zackuse, Virga Nordby, Bette Nordby VanAusdal, Martin Rausch

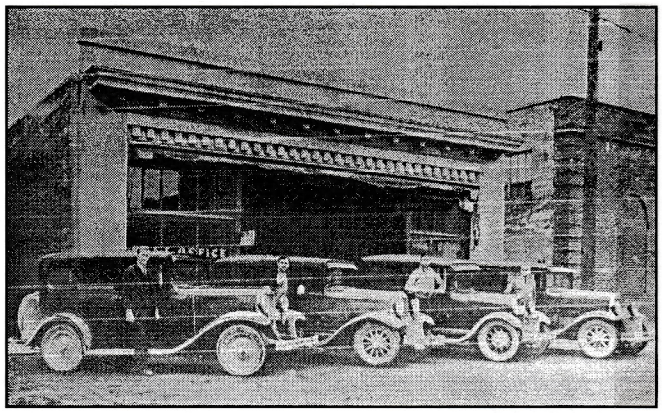
Row 4: Chuck Angelesdes, Don Morris, Estella Jensen, Georgetta Bach, Rachelle Gray Blais, Pam Sturgeon, Dorothy Sturgeon, Mel Hurd, Brian Hurd, J. Dycus, Gary Norman, Jane Moreare, Harold Carlson, Walt Hass, Harold Funk, Sharon Nelson, Don Brodersen, Hal Fritz

Row 5: Mel Sass, Bernice Molstad, Delores Robb, Harley Robb, Tim Gray, Rick Sturgeon, Walt Hass, Malena Magnusson, Hugo Magnusson, Harry Yost, Carol W. Brown. (Myrtle Raush took picture)

The Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer's hold their annual Pioneer Picnic on the 3rd Sunday, in August with a potluck luncheon, program and election of officer's. The officer's for the 2003-2004 year are as follows: Harold Wetmore, President; A. Loren Kraetz, Vice-President; Bette (Nordby) Van Ausdal, Secretary; Joann Gray, General Treasurer; Marjorie (Heckland) Espedal, Museum Treasurer. The association has about 300 members.

Post Office History

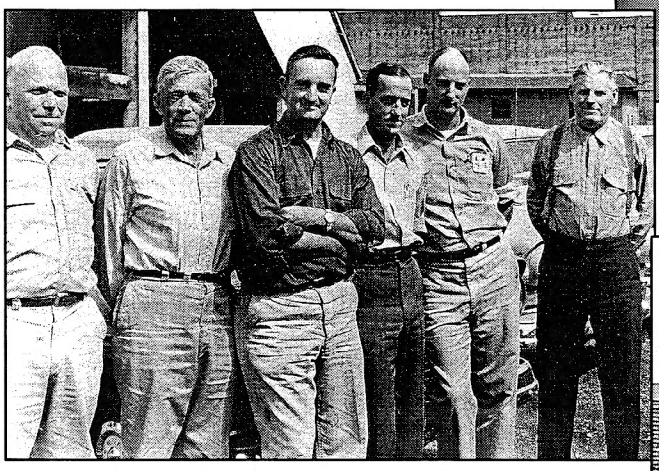
- 1890 Post Office in Thomas McMahon Hardware (Arlington Hardware building), Thomas McMahon postmaster.
- 1910 Post Office moved to W. H. Ford building (behind brick building on corner of 3rd)
- 1920 Mail delivery in town.
- About 1931 moved to south section on the Moran Building.
- 1961 moved into present location.
- Area towns absorbed into Arlington's postal system were Haller, Pilchuck, Trafton, Cicero, Sisco, Getchell and Jordan.



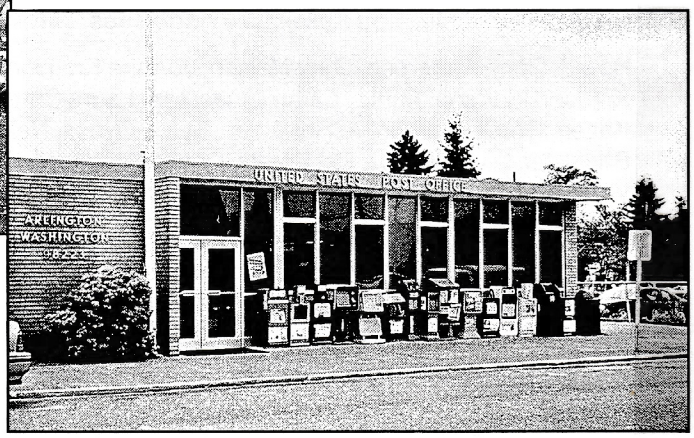
Arlington Post Office in 1931 was located on Third Street. Men right to left pictured with their cars are Lyman Arthur Jennings, Roy Carver and Mr. Spoerhase, man unknown. This building today is behind the Hong Kong Restaurant.

Moran Building - 2003.

Hong Kong Restaurant was the Citizen's State Bank.



Arlington Post Office mail carriers for the 5 rural and 1 city route, 1957, left to right Frank Arnot, Henry Stedman, Bill Quake, Floyd Mackey, Harley Robb & Warren Perrigo. In 1949, William ("Bill") P. Quake was appointed postmaster.



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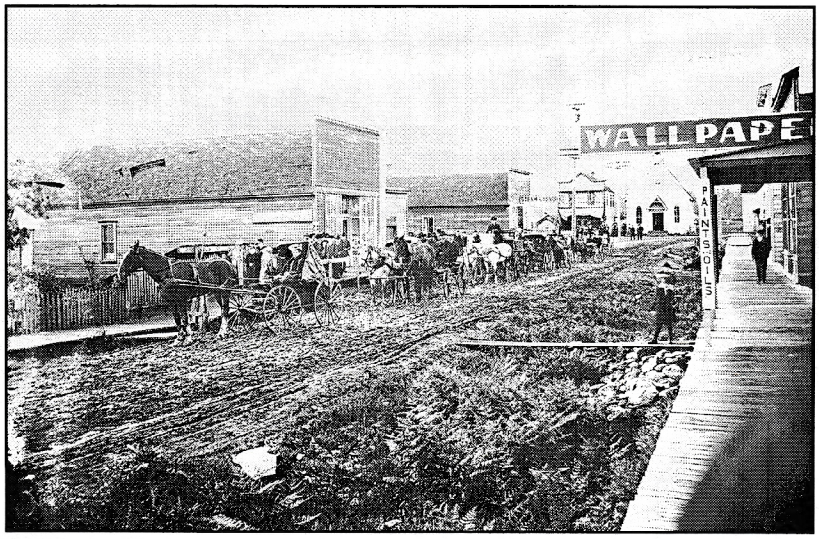
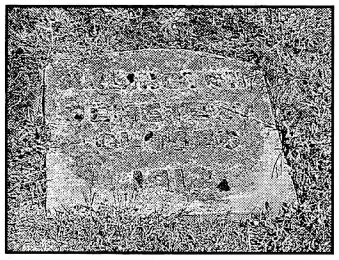


Funeral procession coming down Railroad Ave. from the old Methodist Church, passing in front of the Steam Laundry, Sunset Telephone & Telegraph Co. and the Johnson & Wick store. Notice the deep ditches between the boardwalk and the street with wooden planks for crossing.

Cemetery History

This original cemetery on Gifford contained five acres and 30 graves before Elias Clum considered himself the free-simple owner by virtue of a warranty deed. Mr. Clum gave notice to the relatives of those buried there to remove them by March 1, 1911. He planned to plow and level the ground. Most graves were moved to Harwood. The only grave with a headstone not removed was Corporal John Grant.

Last remaining headstone in the cemetery is of Civil War Veteran, Corporal John Grant, Union Company E, 138th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, born Oct. 30, 1836, died Jan 6, 1899.



Cornerstone of the first Arlington Cemetery at the north end of Gifford. Closed 1912.

Avenue of Flags

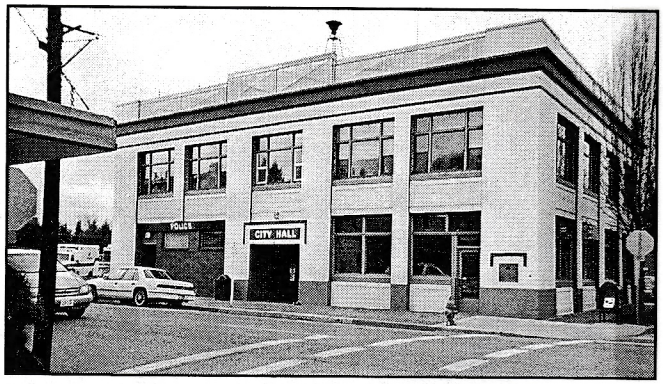
Each Memorial Day the American Legion Post 76 displays the flags donated by the families of deceased veterans at the Arlington Cemetery. The oldest flag dates back to the Spanish-American War with 45 stars. Each flagpole is marked with the name of the veteran. John E. Jensen started this project in 1971, the first of it's kind in Snohomish County. The idea came from a similar project in Bellevue, and the first observance was on Memorial Day in 1972. Arlington's Avenue of Flags began with the purchase of 175 poles, initially using 73. Over the years the project has grown and now several hundred flags fly every Memorial Day creating a beautiful sight at the cemetery.

Arlington Cemetery, Memorial Day 2002.

Gate of Arlington's Harwood Cemetery 1904, plaque was presented by Jens Jensen and W. H. Fowler, 1942.

In April 1903, the platting of the Harwood Cemetery was completed containing nine acres. The circular driveway was marked with posts, water pipes were installed and a fountain was intended.

City Hall – 1955. Left to Right: 1951 Ambulance, 1927 Truck # 1, 1936 Truck # 2, 1950 Truck # 3.



City Hall - 1924.

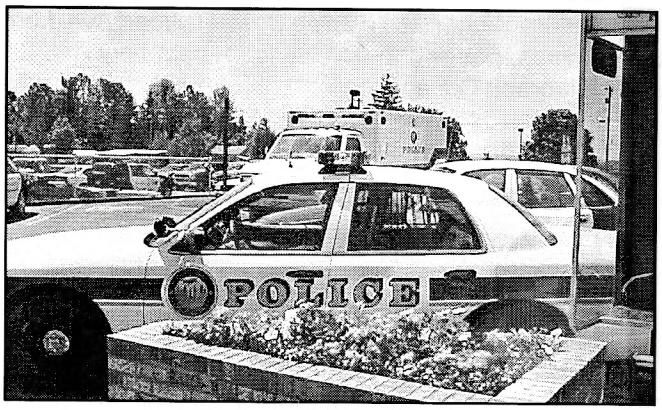
Arlington Police Department

In 1903, the police department consisted of Marshal Noah S. Berridge and an assistant. The original jail, built at a cost of $3,000, was called "skookum house" (Chinook Jargon for "strong", "excellent"), often serving as temporary lodging for loggers who were either in a fighting mood or who had passed out from too much to drink. It is said these intoxicated culprits were taken to jail in a wheelbarrow.

In 1924, the new municipal building contained a new jail, marshals office (shared with other city officials), and library on the upstairs floor. The fire department occupied most of the ground floor of this building until 1963 when the new fire hall was completed. The police moved downstairs to their present location as well as the city's financial department.

Today the department is 21 members strong under the direction of Police Chief John Gray, with three lieutenants, two detectives, and 15 patrol officers. To encourage community involvement, the department inaugurated a Crime Tip Line (360-403-3420), and maintains an e-mail list to keep citizens informed. Other essential functions include a Community Service Officer, a Support Services Supervisor, and during the school year one of the patrol officers serves as the School Resource Officer.

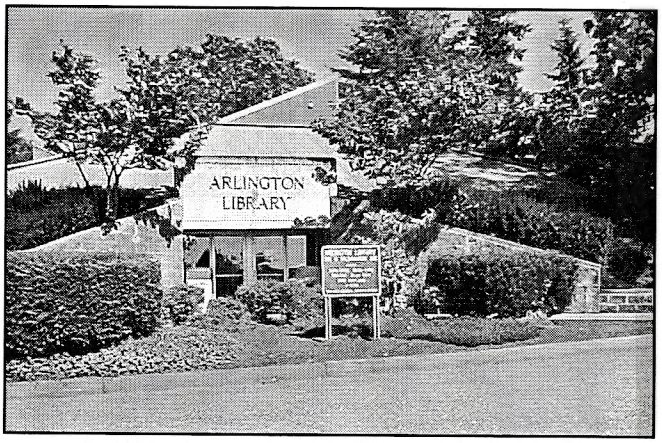
Even the ten patrol cars were updated in 2002 from the old black and white to white patrol cars with blue and gold graphics. In addition to these cars a "Critical Response Vehicle" is maintained to respond to major investigations and serious collisions.



Police and Aid cars.

November 1910 – Arlington voted to stay wet, while outlying areas voted to go dry. This wasn't a rain vote!

August 1911 – Jackson Harvey, local Indian, gave notice that all river bolt drivers were going on strike for $3.50 a day.



Arlington Library – 2003. The first library was a small building between Fourth and Fifth Streets on Olympic Ave. Later it was moved to a small house on Fifth Street between Olympic and McLeod where it stayed until a room in the new City Hall was provided for library use. The library was moved to the new library building on the corner of McLeod and Third Street and dedicated October 21, 1961. In 1981, once again a new building was built, at 135 N. Washington Street.

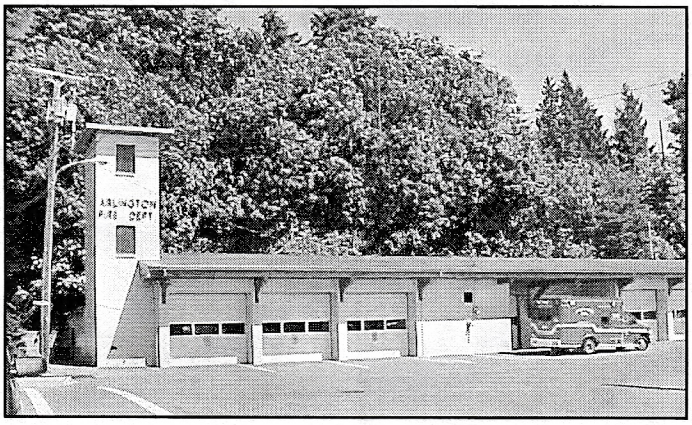
Arlington Firefighters

A constant fear and hazard to pioneer living was fire. At the turn of the century Arlington had only a length of hose and a hose cart, but no organized fire department. Several disastrous fires spurred merchants and citizens to form a fire department in 1905. George Murphy headed a 42-man volunteer fire company.

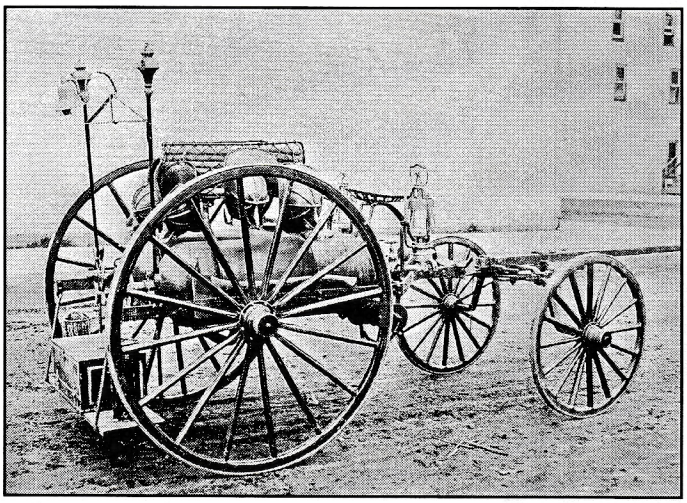
The fledgling Fire Company began with two hand drawn hose reel carts and 1,000 feet of fire hose. Fund-raisers helped gradually add equipment, such as a hand-drawn hook and ladder outfit in 1906 and a Mix No.10 hand-drawn chemical engine with two 30-gallon tanks in 1907. These were later adapted to be horse drawn and in 1918 the engine was mounted on a Ford chassis. In 1926 a Seagrave pumper known as "01" (number 1) was purchased. This historic fire truck is in the process of being restored.

For 20 years fire equipment was housed in an open compartment at the old town hall until the municipal building was completed, providing a recreation hall, dormitory, and kitchen. As equipment became more mobile and roads were built the local Fire Company answered calls in the rural area as well.

By 1955 the Company was responding to many rural fires in Darrington, Lakewood, Stanwood, Marysville, Bryant, Edgecomb, and other locations within a 12 to 15 mile radius. The Fire Hall on McLeod Street was built in 1963, and an administration building (Dr. West's old office) was acquired about 1995. Today there are 20 employees and a dozen vehicles answering fire, Paramedic and ambulance calls. They also support Fire Prevention Week at local schools, and sponsor public education classes.



Arlington Fire Station



Arlington Fire Department Chemical Engine - 1910

Arlington Fire Chiefs

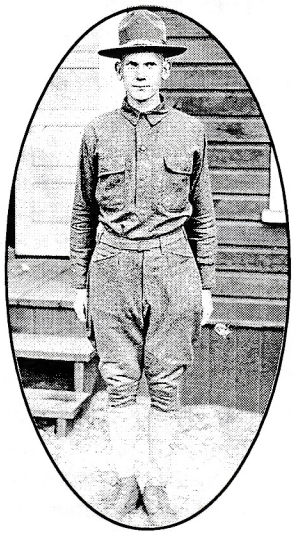
George Murphy	1905-1907
Charles Warren	1909-1919
Charles Tracy	1920-1922
Charles Warren	1923-1930
Charles Tracy	1931-1939
Warren Perrigo	1940
Charles Tracy	1941
Joe Sabo	1942-1944
Jess Cohoon	1945-1946
Frank Arnot	1946-1955
Gordon Quilitz	1955-1957
Warren Perrigo	1958-1959
E. Robert Meier	1960-1965
H. Jim Caan	1966-1967
Ben Knudson	1968-1972
Darrell Bergam	1973-1975
John Larson	1976-1979
Lewis E. Kinney Jr.	1980-1983
Dean J. Olsen	1984-2000 *
Michael Ganz	2001-Present

* Was the first paid Fire Chief beginning in 1989

July 1908 – First location address numbers on 200 businesses and homes in Arlington.

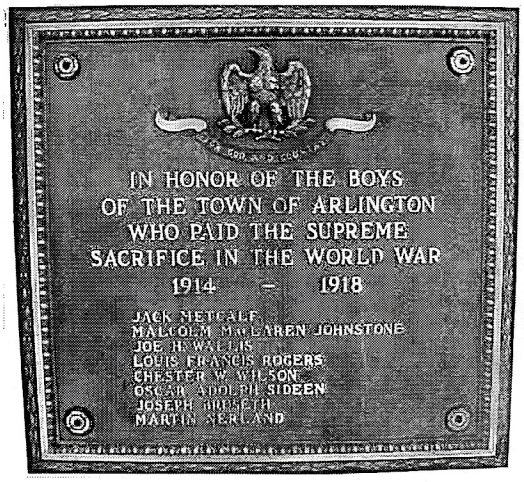
In 1909, the value of fire equipment was $3,299.75.

Max Schulz
World War I, 1918.



Martin Funk, Jr.

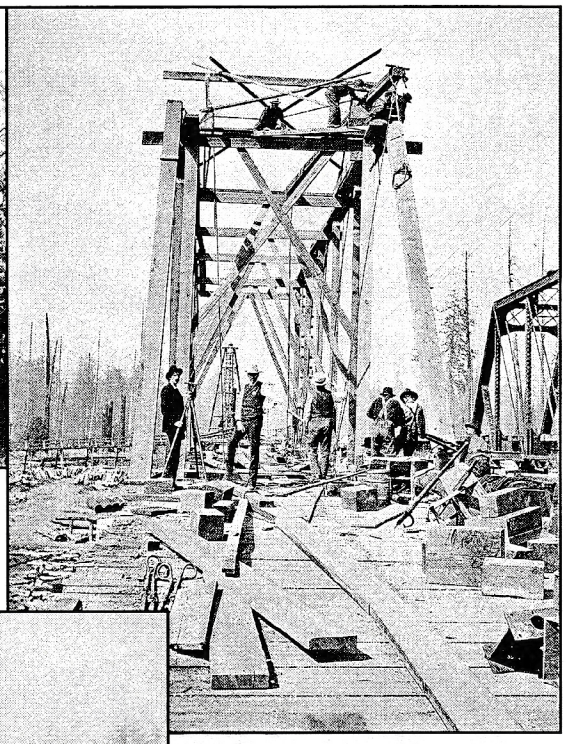
Andrew Leonard Hoidal,
Co. K, 110th Infantry, 28th Div.,
World War I, 1918-1919.



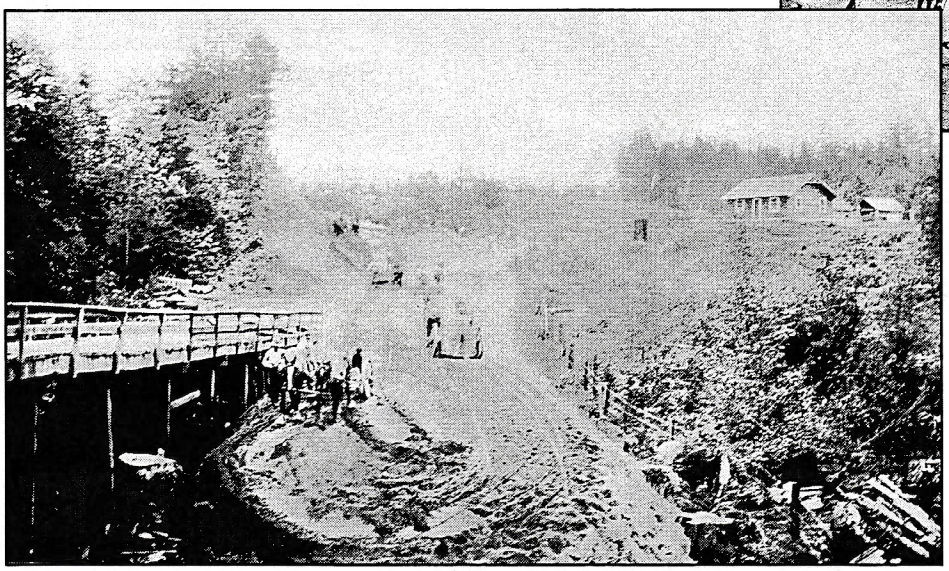
World War II plaque on the corner of
the city hall building.

Otto Eitzenberger,
World War I – Army.
Otto lived west of Arlington
on Silvana highway.

Tent city belonging to the crew working on Highway 9, in the 1920s.



First Haller Bridge Construction 1923–24.

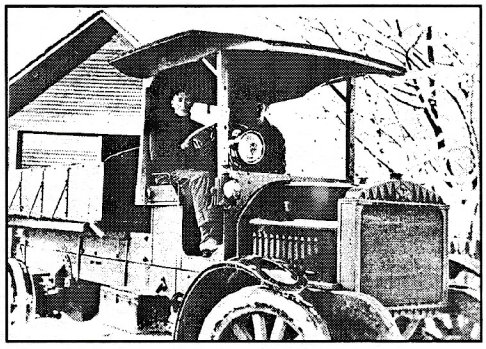


Road crew.

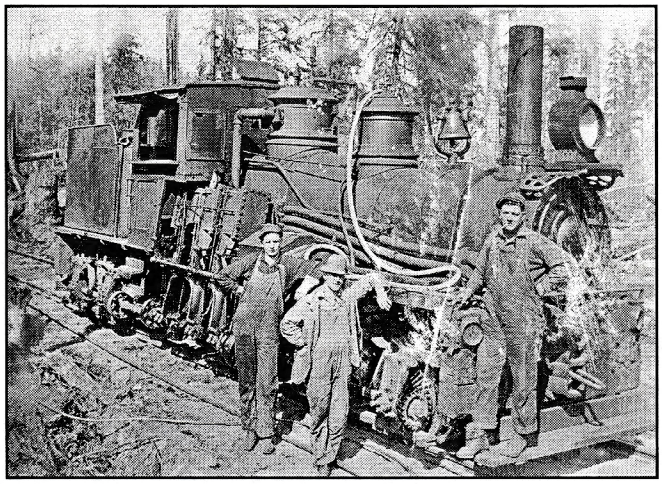
February 1900 – Road Supervisor of Arlington, Mr. Funk scrapes 4 ft. of dirt off the top of 3rd Street hill, making a better grade at the bottom.

January 1910 – Oso gets a 200 ft. steel bridge across Stilly at cost of $8,407.

Paul Wangsmo's crew working on Highway 9 in 1928.

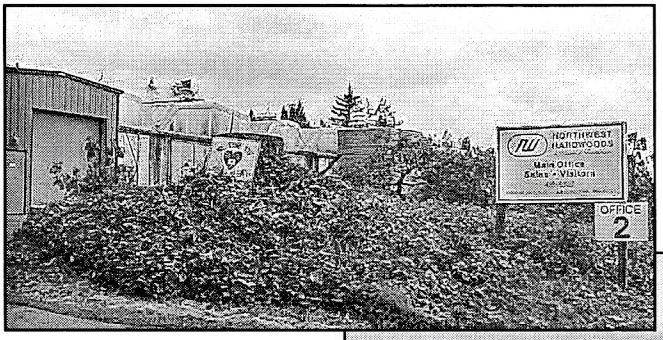


First Snohomish County Road District #1 Truck. Left to right: Obert Reinseth (driver) and Ole Olson, about 1900.

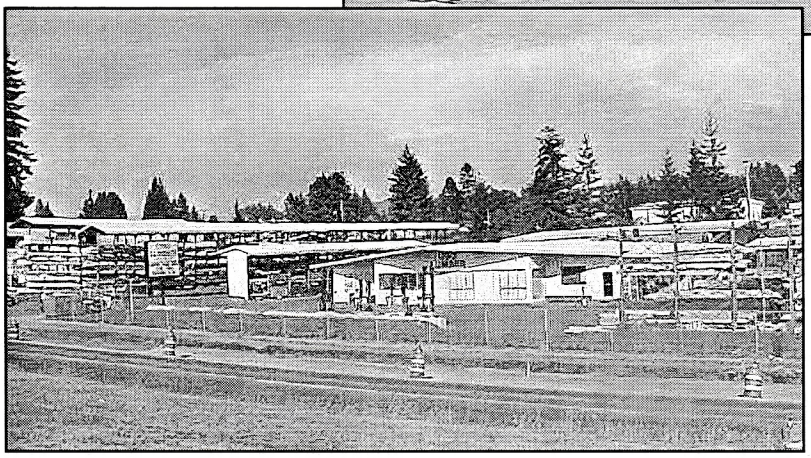


One of our many logging trains.

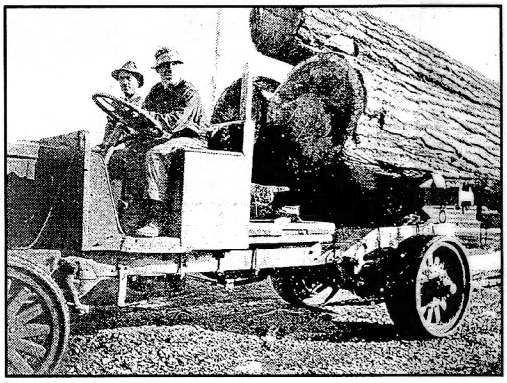
Baxter Pole Yard.



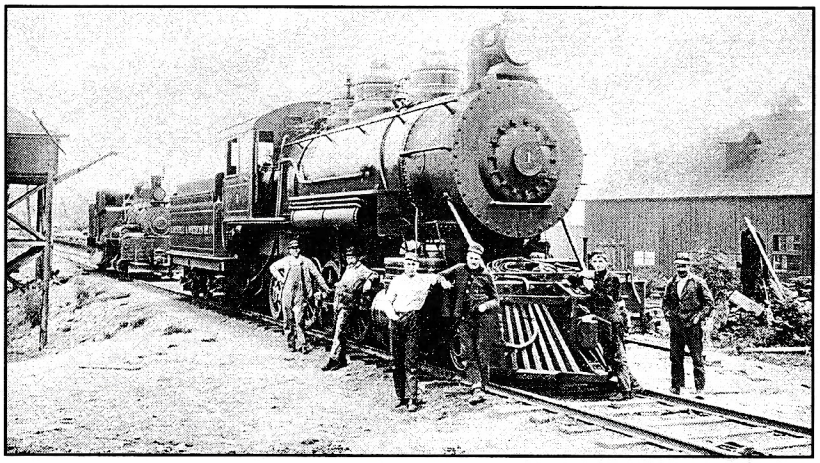
Right: Northwest Hardwoods a division of Weyerhaeuser.
One of the last local lumber mills, 2003.



Oso Lumber on Highway 9.

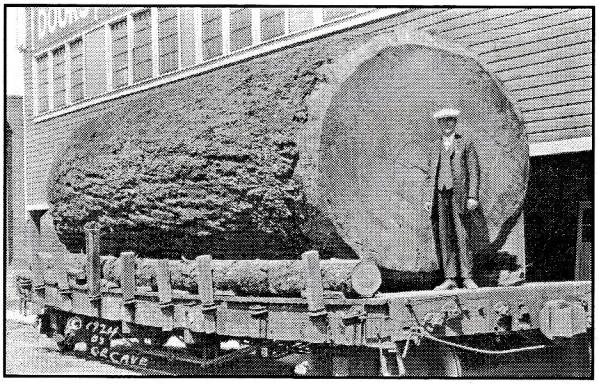


Early logging truck/tractor.

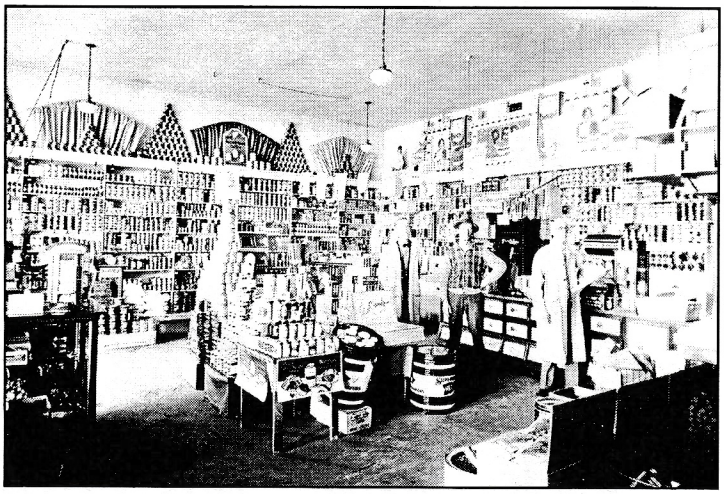


Logging train in Bryant, WA – about 1920-1925.

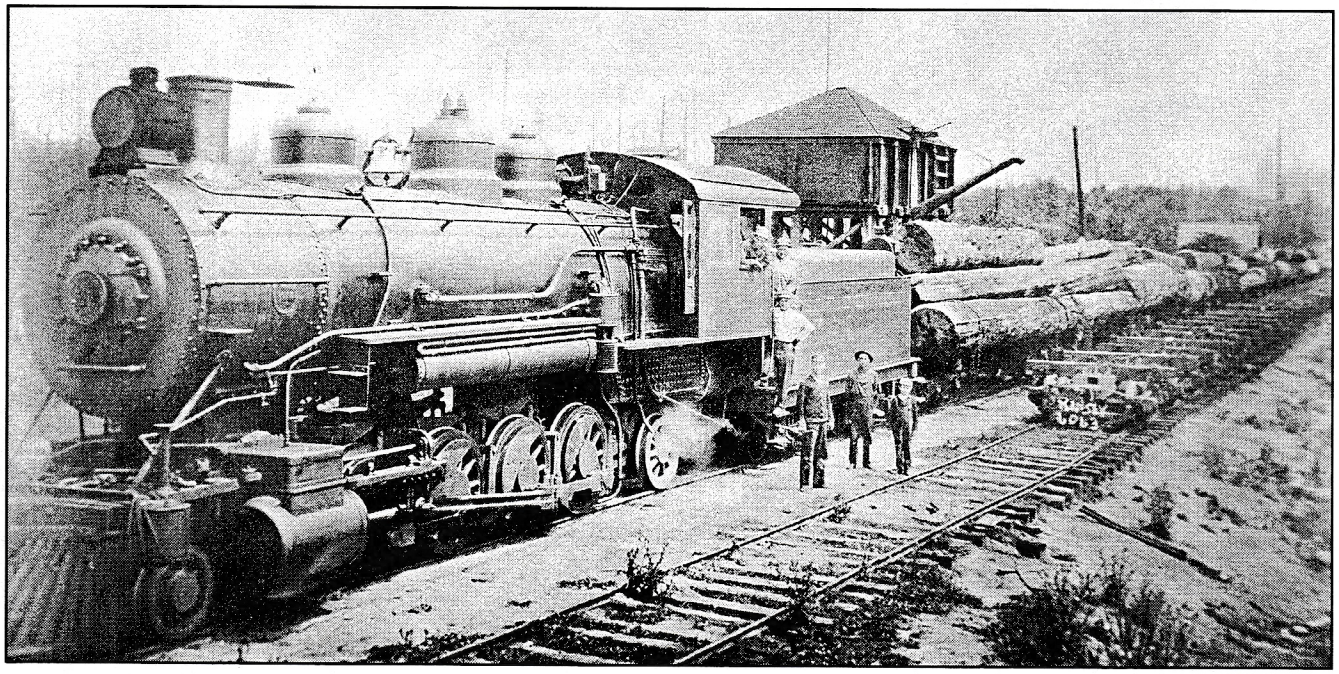
Cabin built on top of a stump.



One log section loaded on a rail car in 1924.

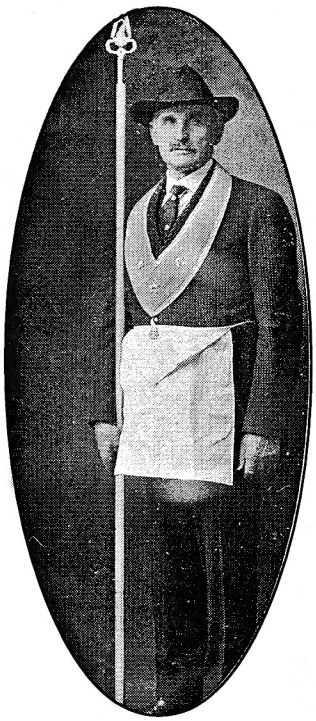


Shaw Grocery Store in 1930. Pete Fingarson, Frank Gilmore and Herb Van Horn.



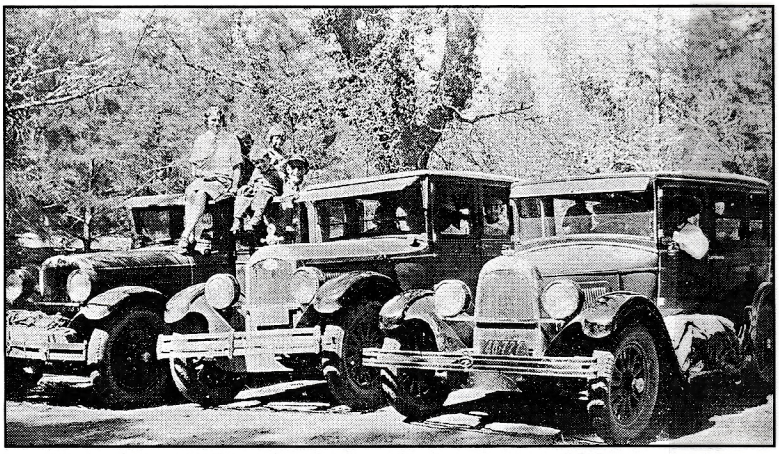
Arlington City Band in 1920. Left to Right: Front row; Cecil Preston, Wiley Walters, Earl Childs, Walter Brounty, Ray Peterson, and Wally Preston. Back Row; Leo Ferrell, Walter Preston, Sanford Preston, Joe Hopkins, Joe Kraetz, Sam Jensen and Murino Skillingstad.

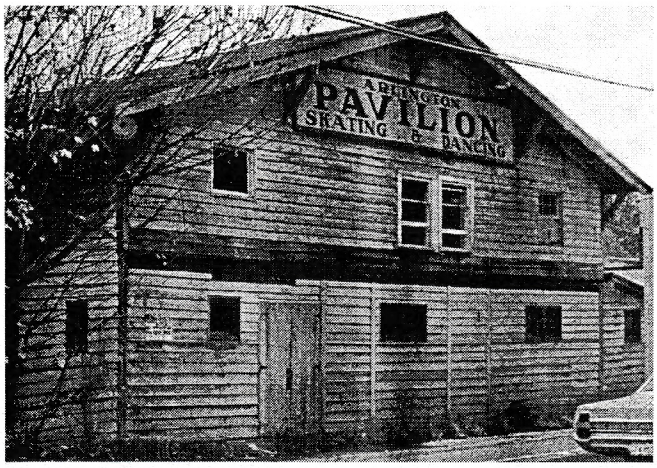
Masonic Temple Building with Arlington Fabric Store on the street level, 2003.



Mason man in full regalia.

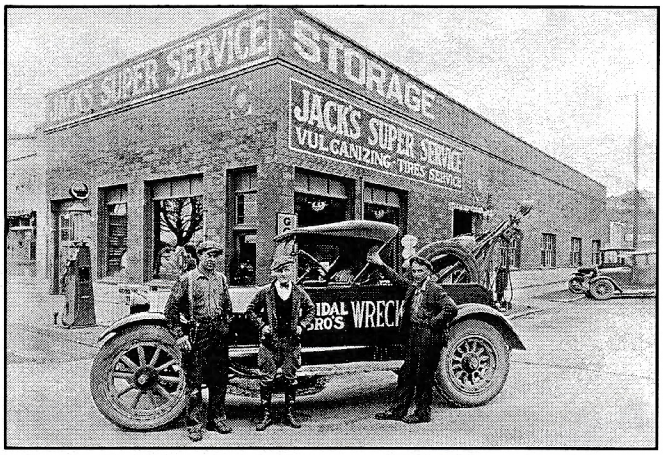
Degree of Honor at May Festival Parade in front of the Hotel Moran, 1920s. The post office was once housed in this building.





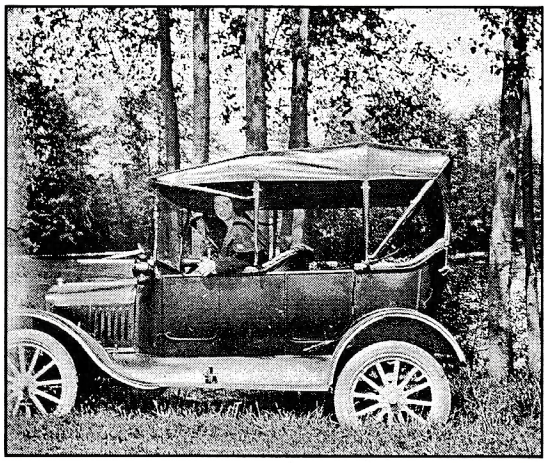
The Arlington Pavilion Skating and Dancing Pavilion on McLeod Street. The building was 50 ft. by 80 ft and built in 1910 by the Richey Brothers and J. W. Wiggins. After sitting empty for several years the building was deemed unsightly and a safety hazard and torn down as part of a city wide beautification project.

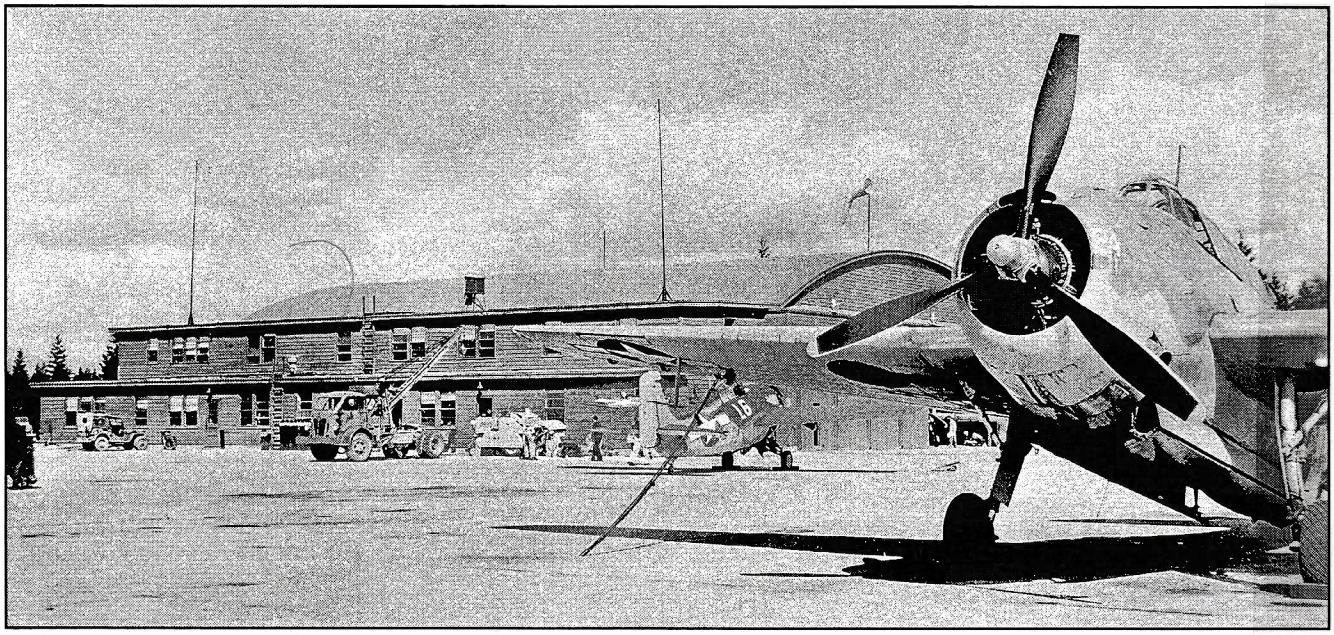
Inez Bannister



Hoidal Bro.'s Wrecking. Left to Right: Andrew Hoidal, Lawrence Olson, and Karl Hoidal.

"A Womanless Wedding" given by men of C. E. S. on November 21, 1928. Left to Right: Standing-Brides maid, Murray; mother of the bride, Moll; father of the bride, Lotu; bride, Shaw; Minister, Hiunisw; groom, O'Conner; ring bearer, Kesling; flower girl, Batdorf; bride's maid, Mose; ribbon bearer, Donnell; unconscious objector, Field. Sitting – Flower girl, Leach; ribbon bearer, Moll; ribbon bearer, Reed; musician, Wolters; brides maid, Cocly; brides maid, Palmer; ribbon bearer, Dunn.





Arlington Municipal Airport

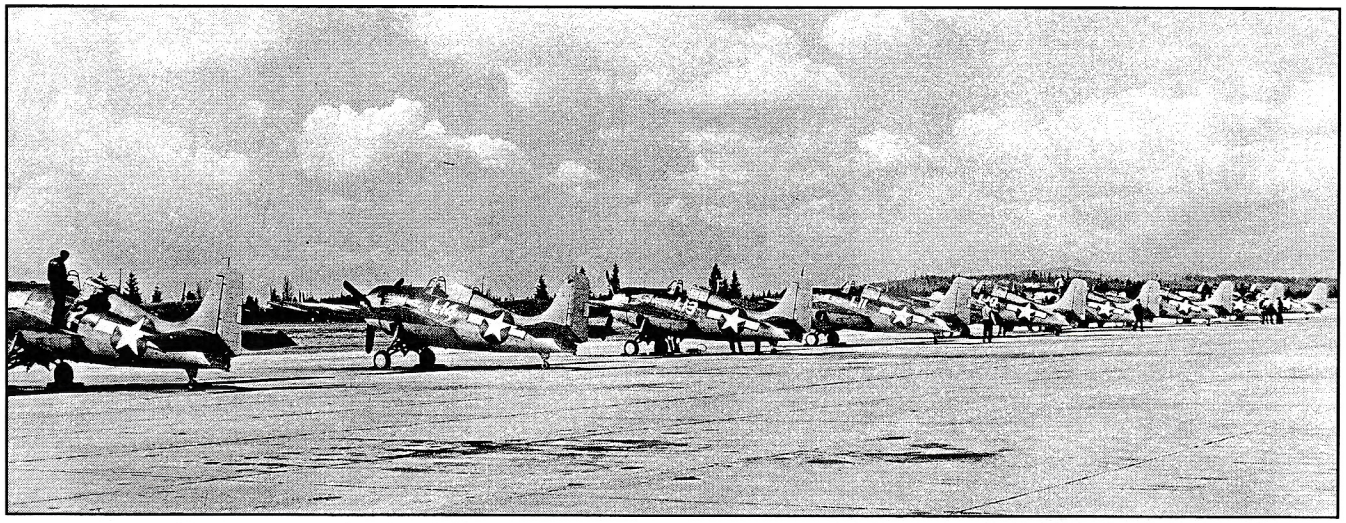
On Tuesday the 9th of January 1934 at a meeting of the Arlington Commercial Club, Dr. O. G. Kesling announced the availability of Federal funds for the development of airports throughout the United States. Thus began a journey for Arlington through the paper mill of applications with the County, State, and Federal Government. Arlington's airport proposal was the only project approved in Snohomish County, receiving its go ahead from the State on the 23rd of February 1934. Work began immediately on land leased from Mr. Birckenmeier at $100 per month. This tract was 400 feet by 400 feet located on Sections 15 and 7, Township 31 North, Range 5 East. As many as 80 general laborers worked the project and the first plane to take off and land was on the 13th of June, although the airstrip was incomplete. By this time the Lions Club had joined in the efforts and benefits were being held to raise additional funds. Bing Crosby entertained at the American Theater on Thursday August 23rd for one of these benefits. Formal dedication of this phase of the airport was on the 4th of July 1935.

Expansion came quickly; in December of 1935 the Federal Government approved a cross-runway project in which 30 men were employed. Rapid advances in aviation fueled the necessity for further expansion and improvements, and the airport became the center of activity for the City of Arlington. Air shows and large plane displays were now a major part of the 4th of July celebrations.

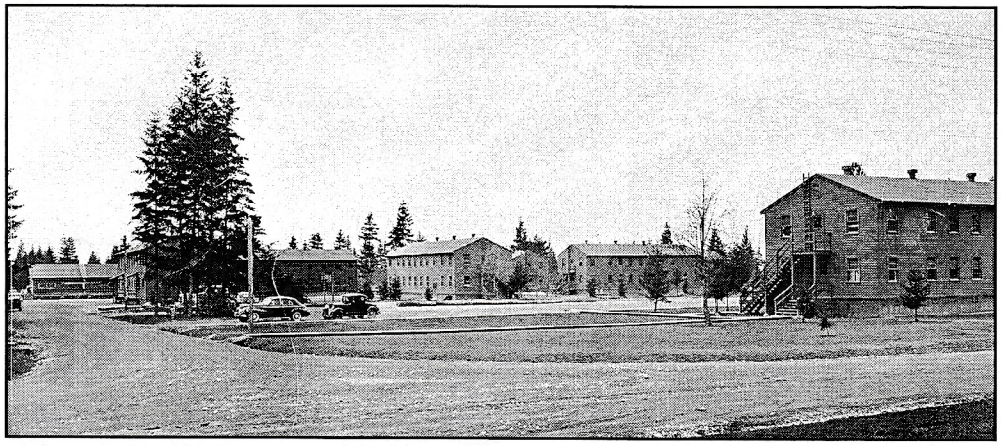
The military use of the airport began in July of 1938 when the Navy used the facility for training pilots. At that time the airstrip also became a center to supply forest fire crews. At one point in October of 1938, 38,000 pounds of supplies were airlifted in a single day from Arlington. However the military presence was never more evident than on Saturday August 31, 1940 when the U. S. Navy took over the 200-acre facility on a five-year lease. To accommodate naval operations further expansion was necessary and on July 28, 1942 the Government issued possession notices to 53 individual property owners for that purpose. These notices gave the owners until August 21st to vacate the property so expansion could begin on September 1st.

During the height of the navy occupation the airport housed as many as 750 enlisted men and at one point storing over $128,000 of ammunition. On June 26, 1943 the completed Navy airfield was dedicated, and the naval occupation continued until mid December 1946. The facility had grown from 200 to 880 acres, and Arlington through an interim permit, inherited a modern airfield in 1947. The Title was transferred to the city of Arlington August 20, 1959.

Since 1964, Arlington has been referred to as "the little town with the great big beautiful airport." Today the Arlington Airport encompasses 1,189 acres with full facilities for private planes, FAA repairs, fuel, and sales, a café, as well as, the availability of charter services and flying instructions. The airport, managed by an Airport Commission is self-supporting with revenues from numerous leased businesses. Over 135,000 landings and takeoffs occur yearly on the two paved runways. The first fly-in was held in 1969 and since 1980 the Northwest E.A.A sponsors this entertaining annual event, with participants flying in from every direction.



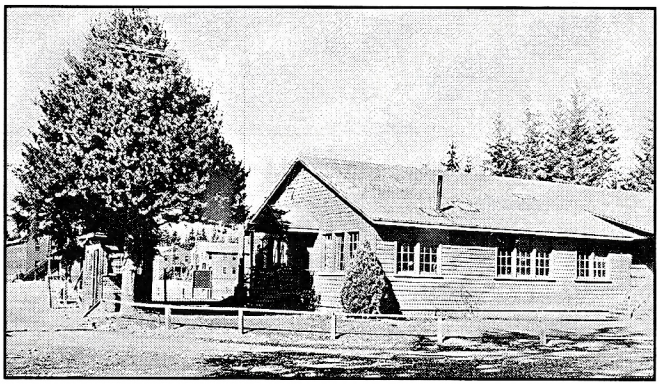
Warm up apron.



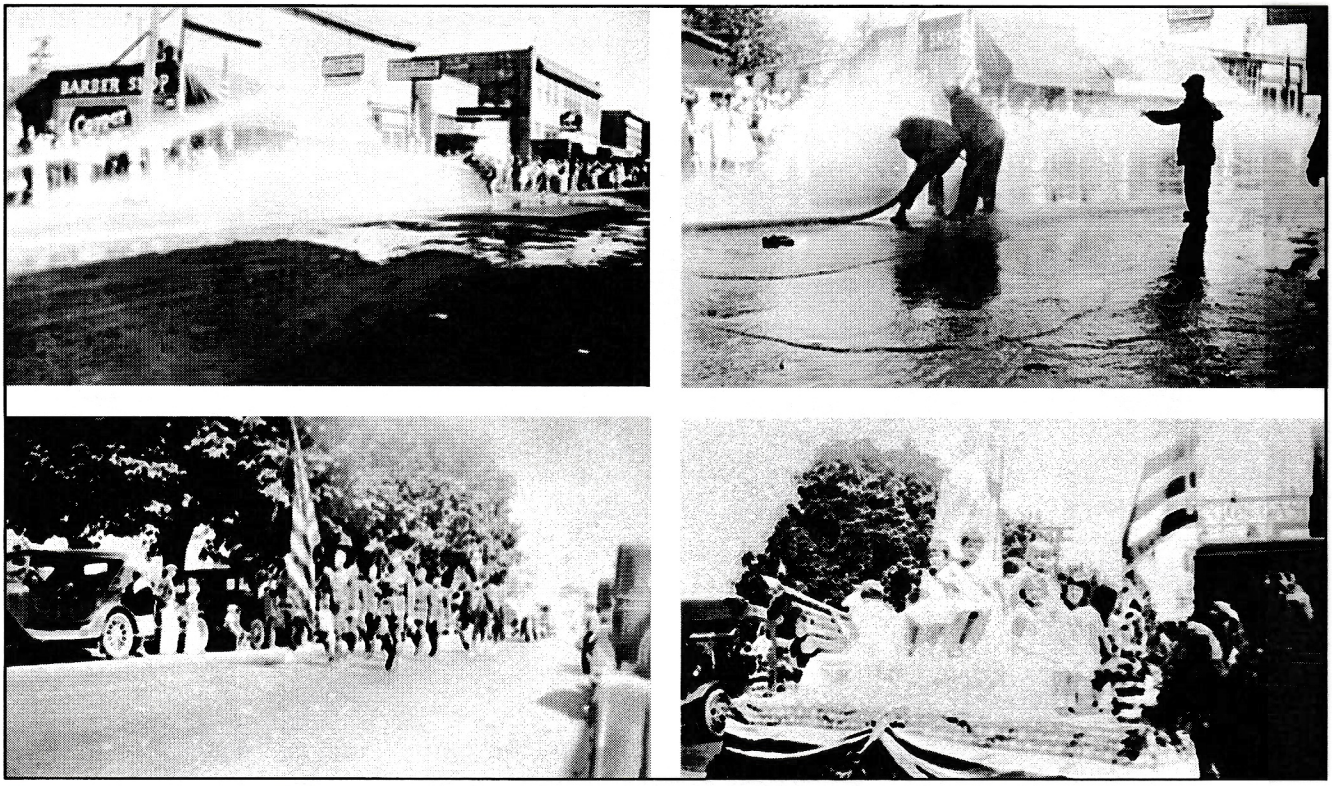
Group of Barracks.

Stanley S. Rathert,
World War II

The World War II Memorial stands in Legion Memorial Park in front of the Chamber of Commerce building. This memorial honors local servicemen who gave their lives for freedom. The Commercial Club, which helped establish and promote much of the business section of town, was the forerunner to the present day Chamber of Commerce.



Gate House.



Celebrating the Fourth of July in Arlington with floats, bands, and local fireman's competition in 1937.

Degree of Honor, they sell insurance and have a club, drill team, etc. Back Row: L to R - Jean Hoidal, Lorena Jamison, Vera May Pendland, Mrs. Diesing, Marg Westover, Mrs. Mack Smith and Evelyn Hiatt. Front Row: L to R - Joanne Hoidal, Dorothy Westover, ??, Helen Pendland, ??, Roberta Rogers, and Lillian Westover.

J. Boyd Ellis was a local photographer who owned and operated Ellis studio. The graceful single-story concrete-block building with rounded corners in the 500 block of Olympic was the Ellis Photography Studio. Boyd turned out as many a four million postcards a year beginning in 1921.The largest business of its kind in the northwest.

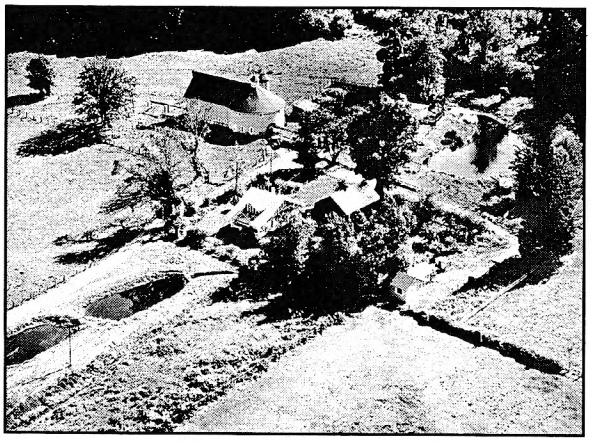
4-H History

Boys and girls clubs began in 1916 under the guidance of the Cooperative Extension of Snohomish County. In the beginning these clubs carried individual names such as: canning club, pig club, corn club, potato club, dairy calf club, sewing club, cooking club, and home improvement club. Club membership varied in size with groups as large as 44 in 1922, when the first Achievement Day was celebrated in East-Stanwood. As early as 1917 the county was represented at the State Fair with canning and sewing. In 1925, the individual names were dropped and all began to be called 4-H.

In 1928, other 4-H groups were formed in Oso and Arlington. The first annual 4-H Club Achievement Banquet was held at the Congregational Social hall in Arlington in 1930 with 246 people in attendance. At that time there were 180 club members in Arlington.

In the 21st Century with all that is available for the young people to be involved in, 4-H is still a popular youth education program for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 19.

Becky Husby shown here with her Guernsey cow. Becky was the Arlington 4-H State Fair winner, Dairy Achievement.

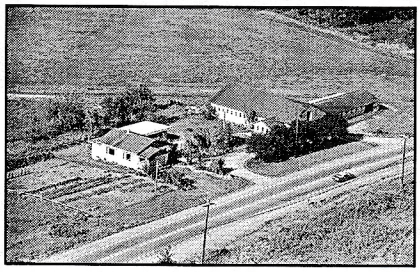


Aerial view of Duskin's round barn on Kent Prairie.

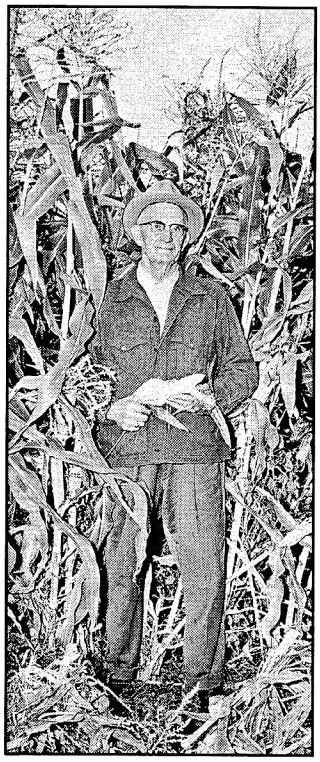
4-H PLEDGE

"I pledge my head to clear thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to better service, my health to better living, for my club, my community, my county, and my world".

Arlington's racetrack on 67th Ave. was where Cuz Concrete and the Snohomish County Division #1 Maintenance shops are located.

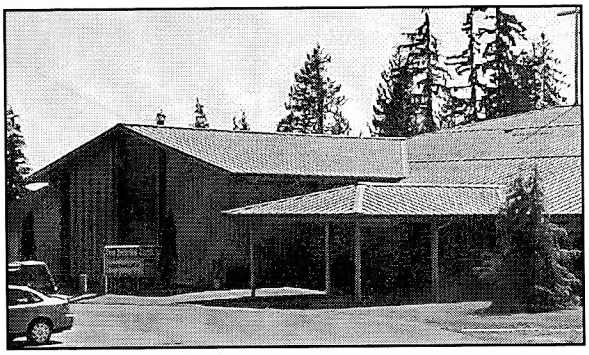


Ivy Rock Dairy. William and Nellie Kroeze dairy farm on SR 530 north of Arlington.



Local corn grows taller than the farmer.

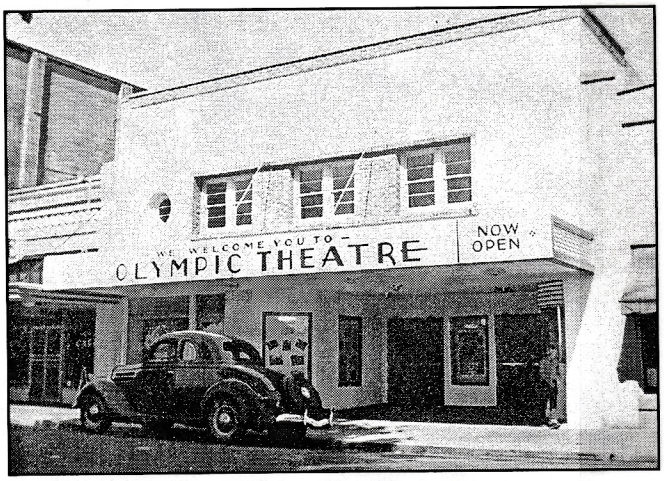
Over the last 10 years the Stillaguamish Valley as seen the once productive farming and dairy business diminish. Due to a decline in agricultural prices, land development and increase taxes from the city incorporating further into the county, the owners of many homesteads and local farms have not found it feasible to continue. The familiar herds are sold off or trucked back to the Midwest, the acreage sold, the unique barns demolished, and another part of Arlington's history disappears. Progress and growth are painful.

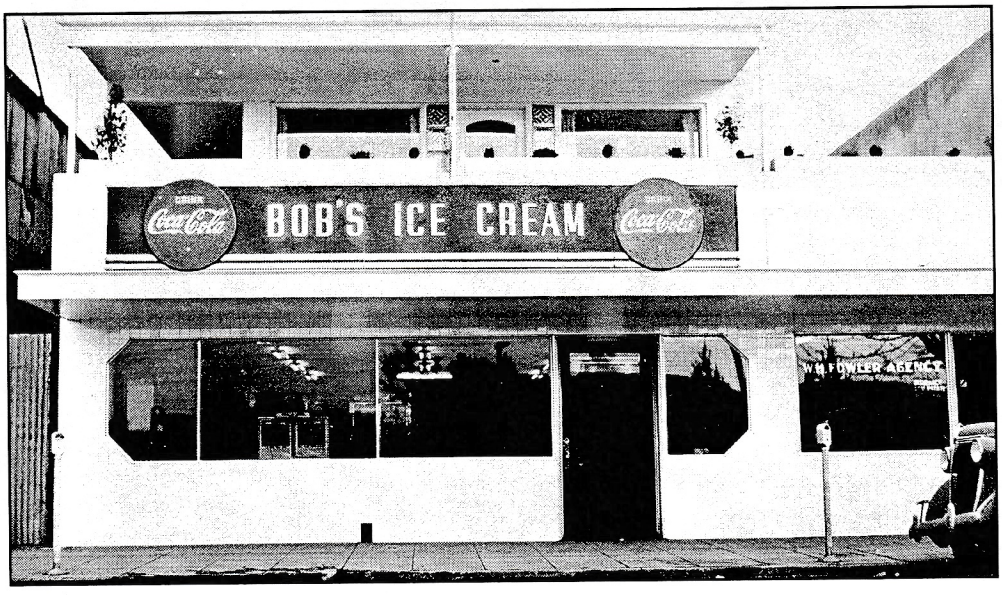


Free Methodist Church. In 1891, the Free Methodists sought subscription for a church in Arlington. The first church stood between the present day Ed Jones Brokerage House and the Olympic Tavern, now a vacant lot. In 1962, the Free Methodists moved to their new present church at the SW Corner of Stillaguamish and Highland Dr. They have had three different church sites and active in Arlington for 112 years.

Standing in the fountain that was in Legion Park (parking lot) across from The Bendix Store (now The Silver Swan) are June Fingarson Becktell and Toots Thompson Weston in 1948.

Inside of Bob's Ice Cream Parlor.





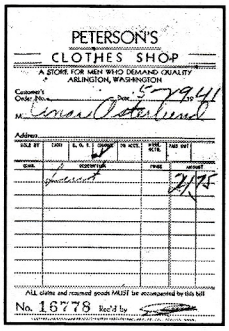
Left: Bob's Ice Cream Parlor in 1940, now TK's Electric Beach Tanning.

July 1918 – City passed Anti Loafing Ordinance No. 179.

It is unlawful for able-bodied persons residing in Arlington to refrain from useful employment.

Main Street of Arlington.

Left: Hilda Frederickson and Bertha Anderson on Confirmation Day.


PETERSON'S
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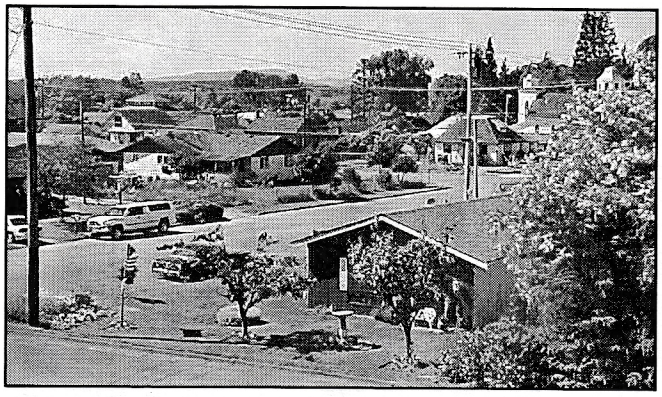
Right: Peterson's Clothes Shop Receipt

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church after moving from Burke Street. The first Lutheran Church was formed in 1893 by some South Fork Scandinavian settlers. A formal constitution was adopted on April 10, 1893 and they joined the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod. In January 1959 the name of the church was officially changed from Our Saviour's Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation to Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Arlington. In 1974, the present sanctuary was dedicated and is located on Highland Drive.

Peterson's Grocery.

These two pages are the modern day views of what once was Haller City.



View of Old Haller City (2003) from Division. St. Andrew's in background.

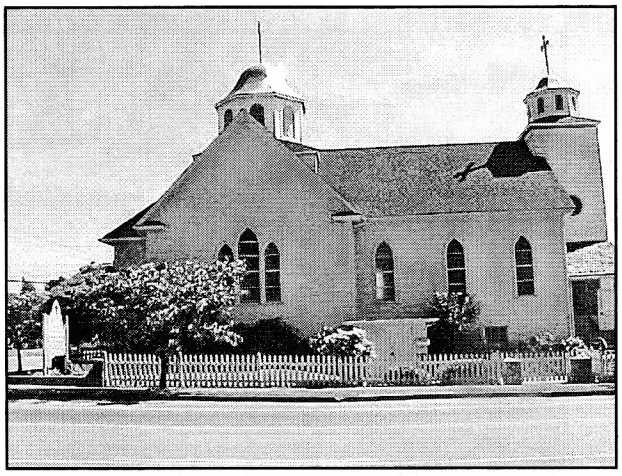
New Lincoln Bridge.

Looking west on Division from Centennial Park.

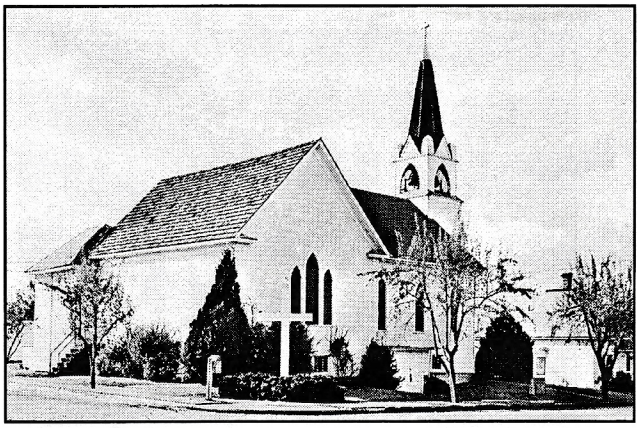
The Zadradnik home on East Division and French Street, (2003). One of Mayor Smith's brothers' home, built about 1903.

Cascade District Court; where the Lincoln Mill stood.

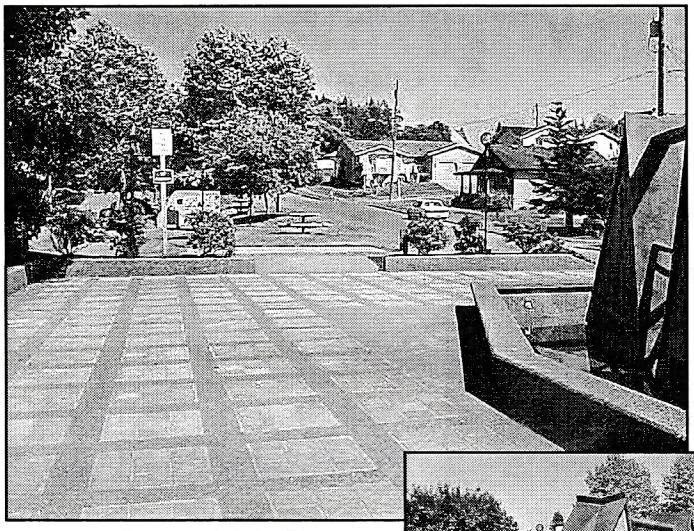
Food Pavilion on Burke Street (SR 530) built by Thrifty Foods in 1959.



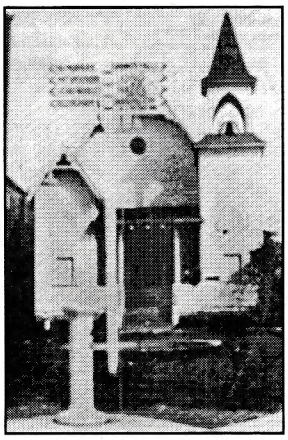
St. Andrew Orthodox Church.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Burke Street (1960s) now St. Andrew's was the town's first Lutheran Church, built in 1892.



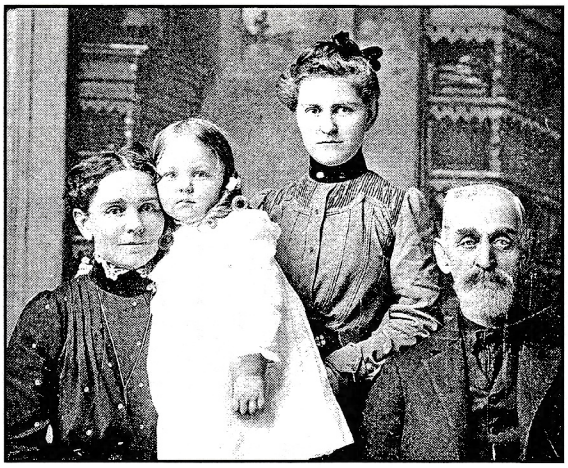
Centennial Park.



Left: The Original Fountain, which became an Arlington landmark, was located on Division Avenue at the north end of Olympic before Highway 530 was routed through. The paved turn-around at the fountain was particularly popular with those "cruising" Olympic Avenue. Picture prior to when the church burnt.

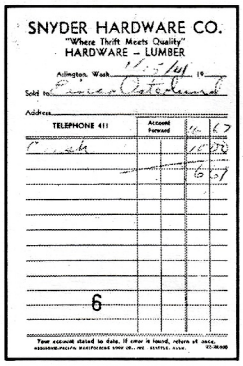
Left: Fountain at Centennial Park on Division Ave. was designed by Charles Bigger of Frailey Mountain Clay Works, Arlington. Local residents purchased fountain tiles inscribed for a person, family or memorial at $25 each. The tiles adorn the floor around the fountain.

Old Methodist Episcopal Church, Division and Olympic Avenue. In 1896, construction began for the Methodist Episcopal Church, located on the north side of Division at the North end of Olympic Avenue and completed in 1898. The Pioneer Methodist Episcopal Church was badly damaged by fire in January 1927. The church was rebuilt and the corner stone was laid in December 1928. This church still stands at the north end of Olympic and Division Street. In 1974, the church closed its doors and merged with the Congregational Church, the two forming the new Arlington United Church.



Four Generations of the William Henry Harris family. Left to Right: Mrs. Ida Handley – grandmother, Ruth Verd – daughter, Mrs. Ethel Verd – mother, William Henry Harris – great-grandfather.

Cenex Farm Supply (2003). The following companies were at one time in business in the present Cenex building: Clear Lake Lumber Co., Masser Lumber, Columbia Valley Limited and Copeland Lumber Co.

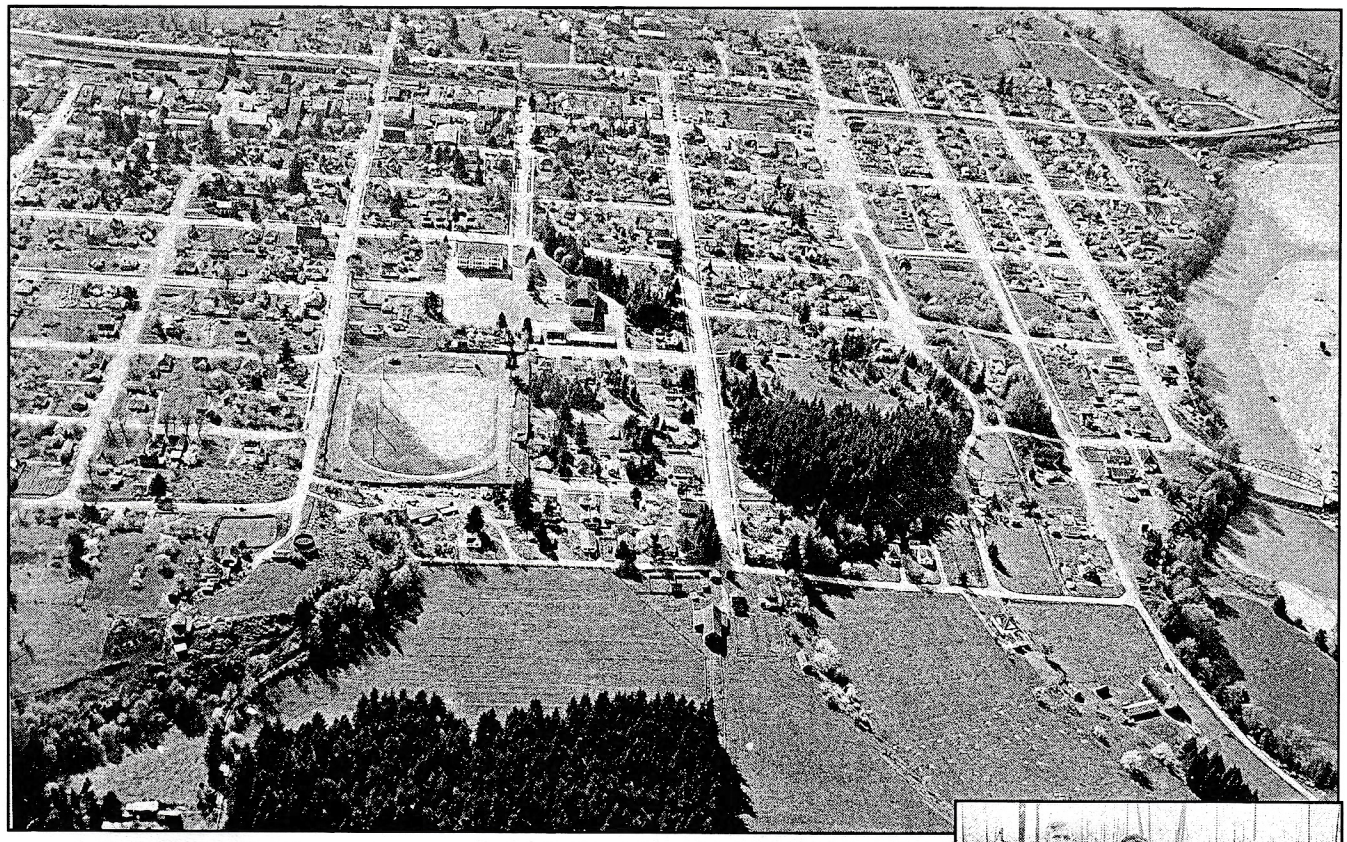


Snyder Hardware Co. Sales Slip.

Left: Arlington Hardware – 215 N. Olympic in 1958 before remodeling of the interior.

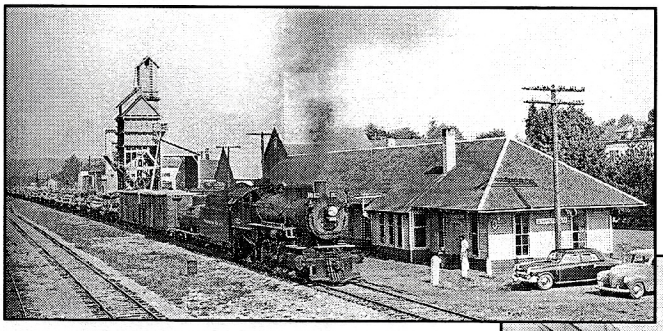
Rosamund Strotz.

Arlington United Methodist Church. Congregational and Methodist Episcopal merged forming the Arlington United Church and agreed to share the Congregational Building. Many of the memorial stained glass windows from the Methodist Church were moved and installed in the Congregation Church.



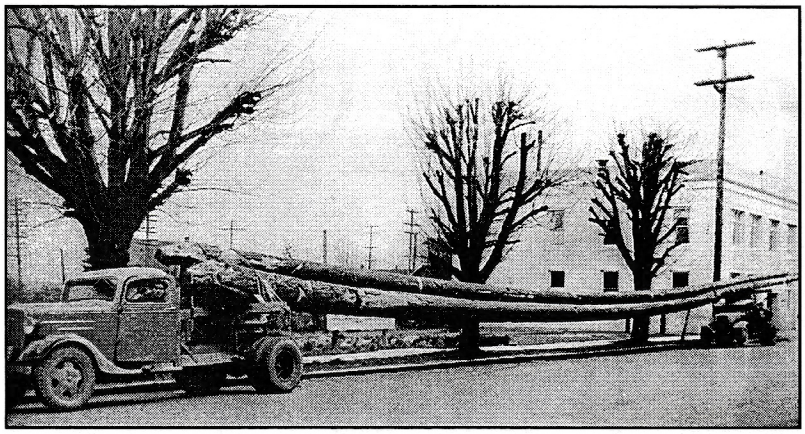
Aerial View of Arlington looking west, taken by Clifford Ellis. Mid 1950s.

The McDonald Family. Left to Right: Back Row: Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Marie McDonald. Front Row: William, Elizabeth and Ronger.



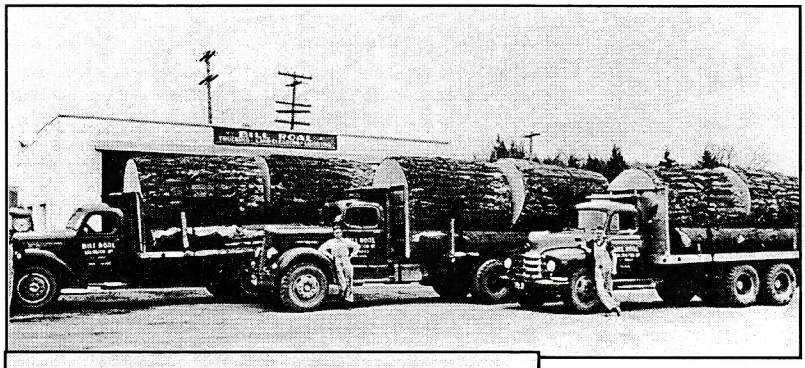
Darrington Logger - Engine 1612 with train at Arlington N.P. Depot (1955).

Downtown Arlington in the 1950s.



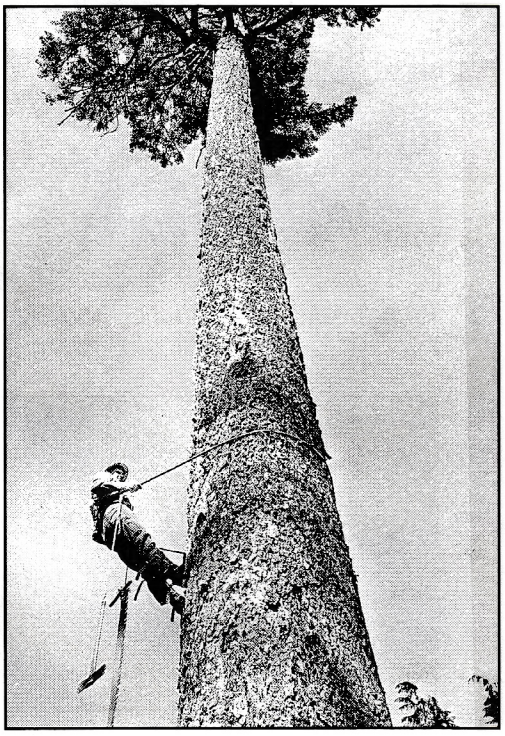
160 foot piling from Arlington, pulled by a '36 Chevrolet truck. Truck driver, Earl Earnheart, Steertrailer, Roll Ruthruff. Arlington Transfer Company. City Hall is in the background.

Bill Roal logging truck with Andy Walseth standing with a huge log. The truck is in front of the Marshall building.

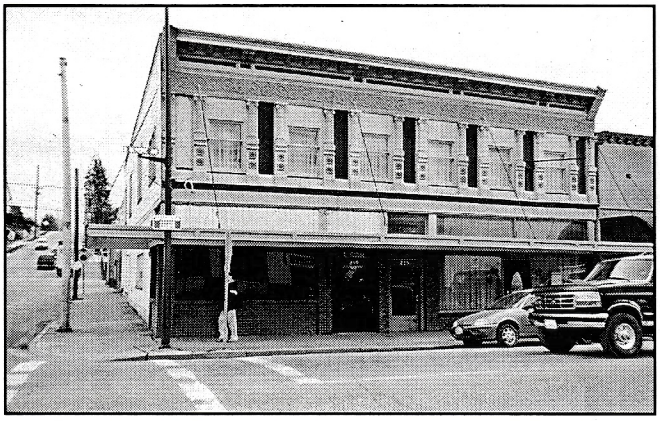


Above: Bill Roal logging trucks. Left to Right: Don Bretch and Bill Roal.

Arlington Transfer Company trucks on the streets of Granite Falls, WA.



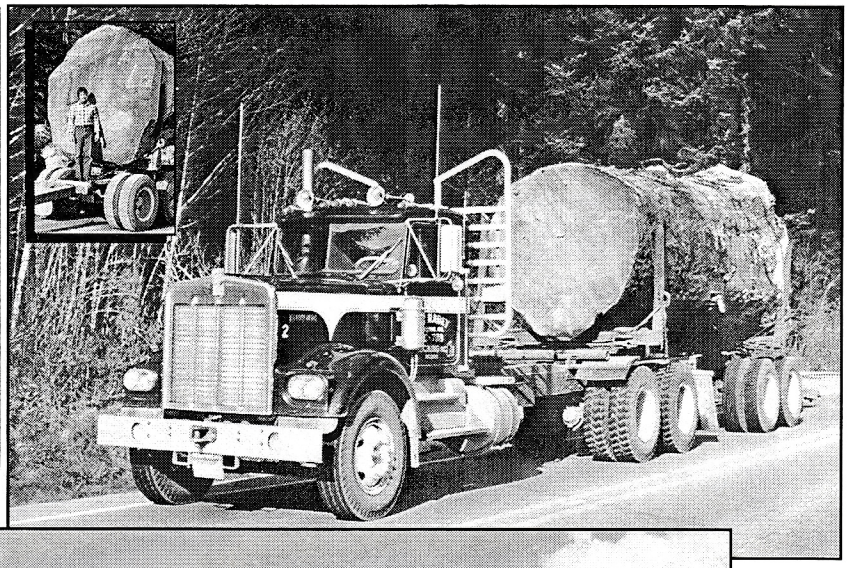
Logging has had it's ups and downs as an industry. Timber prices, the Spotted Owl issue and Federal and State rulings have slowed logging in Washington. The replanting of logged off land and stricter land management guarantees future forests, but logging will never be again what the "old timers" experienced.

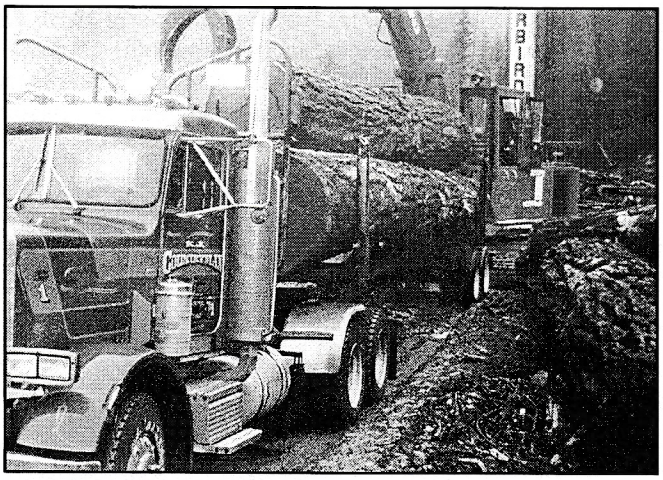


Left: Arlington State Bank building now houses the Bistro Restaurant and formally Tastebuds which closed in February 2001.

A Lot of Log

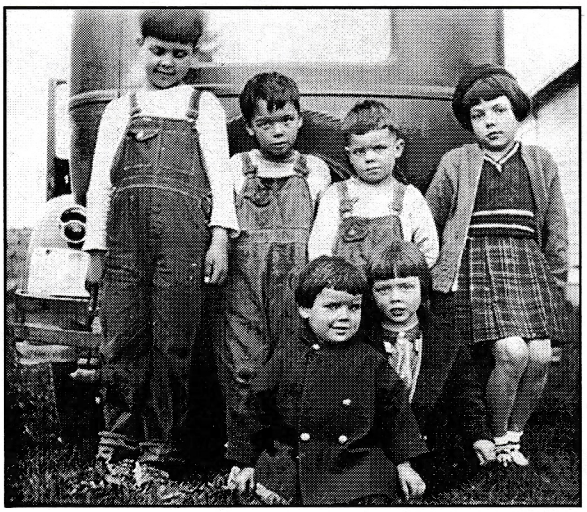
Although it was too large for a logging truck and had to be placed on a low boy, this was only one of three cuts from a tree felled by Marvin James Green of G & D Logging Company, Darrington. Green was using a chainsaw with a 6' bar. The tree was located north and west of Darrington at the beginning of the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River and was cut down May 29, 1974. The base of the butt cut was 11½ ft. The tree died as a result of a fire and contained 13,560 board feet of lumber.

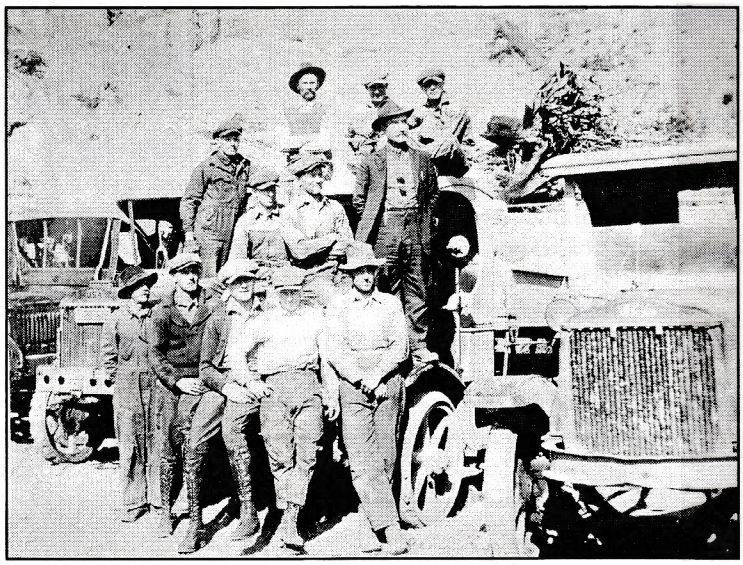




Ken Countryman's logging truck in the late 1990s.

Stand off between a cougar and a bear.



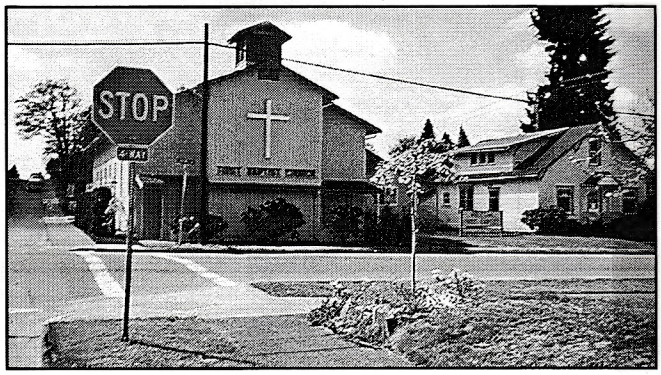


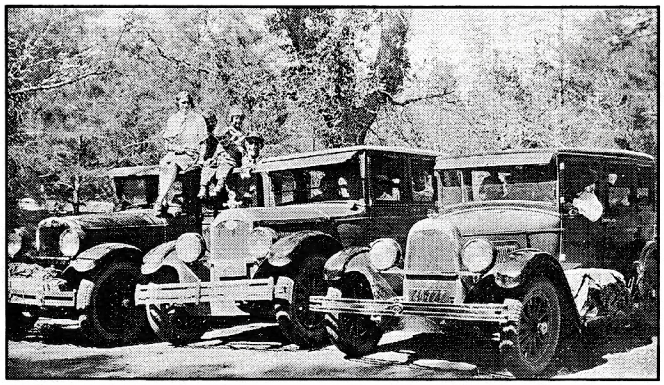
Pictured are Reinseth, Roal and Husby.

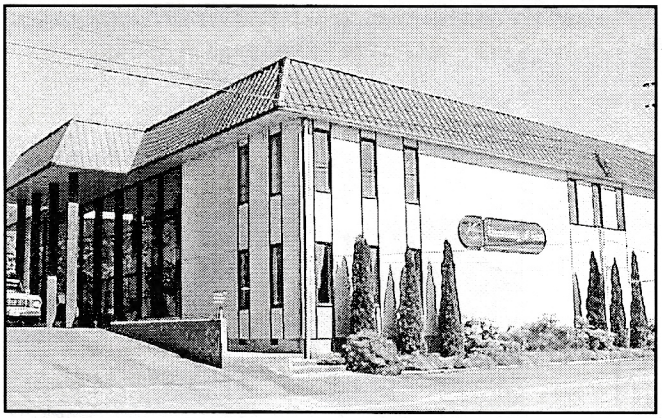
Wedding photo of Max and Jenny Schultz, about 1920.

Members of the Free Lutheran Church at the Parsonage 1909. Names are not in order. William Spoerhase, Sievert Engeseth, Hans Martinus Hoidal, Anne Hoidal Spoerhase, Caroline Hovenbak Hoidal, Housine Hoidal Engeseth, Anne Kvernbak Hoidal, Nikoline Hoidal Nelson, boy kneeling, Onscar Engeseth.

Right: Rev. George Larson organized the Free Lutheran Church in 1908. They met on Sundays at 3:00 p. m. in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Then in 1910, they had services in Krauskoff Hall on 2nd and McLeod. They bought a church site on the SW corner of 5th and French Street. In 1914, the Free Lutheran Church was put up for sale, and in September of 1919, Mr. A. A. Lilloren foreclosed on the mortgage and in 1920 sold the church to the Free Methodists, thus ending the Free Lutheran Church of Arlington.







Assembly of God Church. The beginning of the Assembly of God began as the Full Gospel Mission in 1926. Services were held in the Loren Hake Building which was the original Free Methodist Church on Olympic. In 1928 they moved to Division Street between the railroad and the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were known as the Assembly of God Church. In 1963 they moved to their present site on the SE corner of 3rd Street and Stillaguamish and at this time the Assembly of God has four pastors and is the largest Christian group in Arlington.

Evonne's Antique Mall is located in the town's first Safeway Building. The company built a new store at Olympic and Maple in 1967 and than moved to 204th south of town in 1998 leaving the classic Safeway building empty.

Arlington High School Class of 1924. The reunion was held in June 1964. Left to Right: Back Row: Joaquin Lindsey, Thoralf Storwick and Carl Botten. Middle Row: Eleanora Aldridge Eliason, Agnes Ottern Joergenson, Selma Clausen Butten, Lillian Olson Holt, Norma Ness Adams, Clara Vognild Segale, Augusta Nold Matzke, Lena Reavis Moll, Clara McGladrey Thomsen and Beatrice Wishalt Dahl. Front Row: Isabelle Thorsen Craig, Edna Lilloren Craig, Enid Lilloren Carter, Gladys York Martin, Doris Marsh, Hariette Smith, Aagot Fsarlie Lundgate and Mildred Duxbury Anderson. Present and not pictured Lewis Miller.

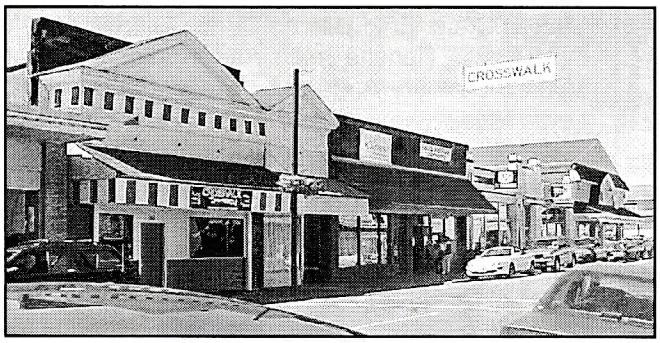
Left to Right: Front Row: Dorethea Rotermundt, Jacob Hafner and Mary Hafner. Back Row: Marguerite, Otto and Katherine.

Jacob Hafner Family.

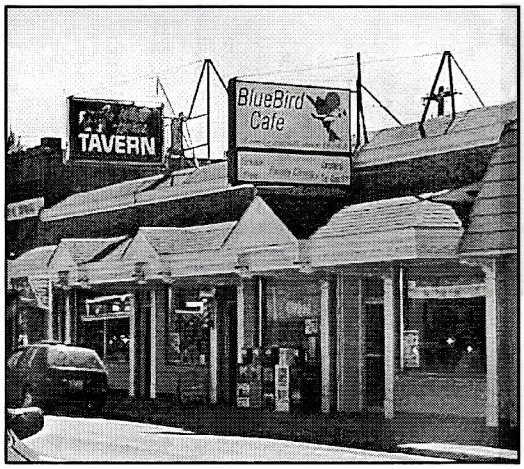
Washington Mutual Bank. One of the four banks built since 1960 at the northern end of Olympic.

The A. H. Moll building, built early 1900's housing the Arlington Travel on corner of 5th and Olympic. The Olympic Tavern is next door .

Melady Lanes built in 1954.



The Crosswalk Tavern was the first concrete building in town. In 1907 it housed the Citizen State Bank.



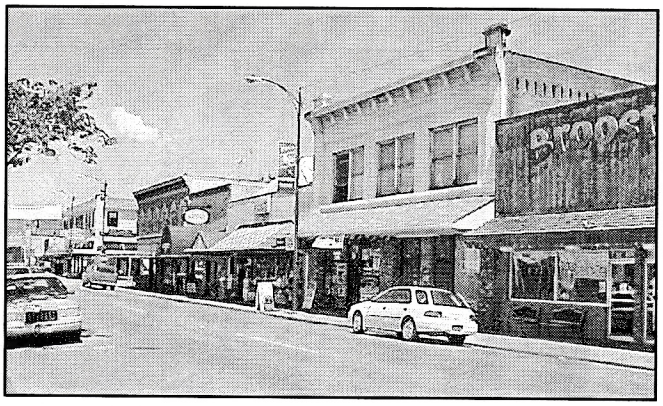
Blue Bird Café and White Horse Tavern.

Arlington high School - Class of 1937 Reunion in 1962.

First Row Left to Right: Clarence Tondell, Charlie _____, Claude Grant, Paul Haller, Les Baunsgard, Unknown, Unknown, Bud Marxen, Unknown, and Buzz Cady. Second Row: Eileen McKenzie, Lois Personius, Unknown, Elizabeth Remmington, Hannah Kreken, Helen Nordstrom, Dorothy Summers, Geraldine Lyle, Unknown, Margonie Kesling, Ruth Broe, Leota Hunter, Ellen Wangsmo and Unknown. Third Row: Francis Lloyd, Unknown, Unknown, Velma Blacken, Lydia Sather, Garnet Madsen, Ella Christensen, Unknown, Katherine Matthews, Helen Knutson, Unknown, Doris Johnson, Gladys George, Unknown, Estell Hershaw, Unknown, Josephine Tomlinson, Vivian Gange, Christine Jacobsen, Audrey Kisling, Unknown and Leonard Walitner. Fourth Row: Fred Dustin, Clifford Ellis, Unknown, Glen Madisen, Vernon Heaven, Gerry Parrish, John Enselman, Jr., Don Prather, Jan Sesby, Andy Peterson, George Rauch, Bud Mose, Lyle Knight, Ray Resink, Unknown and Unknown.

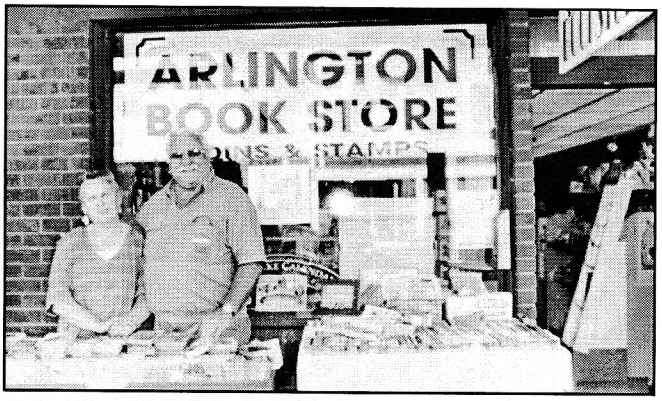
Gospel Hall. The first Gospel meetings were held in Arlington in 1905. During the ensuing years they met in private homes. In 1909 their meetings were held in a tire store on Division Street next to the Methodist Episcopal Church. By 1911, they moved to the Ruthruff Bldg, at 324 N. Olympic, the former Vienna Bakery, then they rented the Baptist Church for three years. By 1969, the church was inadequate for regular meetings. They bought a new church site on S. Stillaguamish. They moved to the present church in 1970.

The Ancient Order of United Workman built this building in 1926, on the northeast corner of 3rd and Olympic after their first structure burnt. The second floor features a wonderful maple dance floor.



East side of Olympic looking north. Winkes building, was built by druggist J. B. Reiley and is bordered by Broosters and Two Bits and More.

Southeast corner of Olympic and 4th Street. Left to Right: Robinson building, currently Thai Food Restaurant had stain glass windows on the second floor, which were taken out and sold unbeknown to the owner. Flowers by George purchased Peg's Flowers in 1968. The building once housing the White Spot Restaurant. Rome Restorante and Lounge building was home to Arlington's last department store, J. C. Penny's, which left town in the early 1970's.

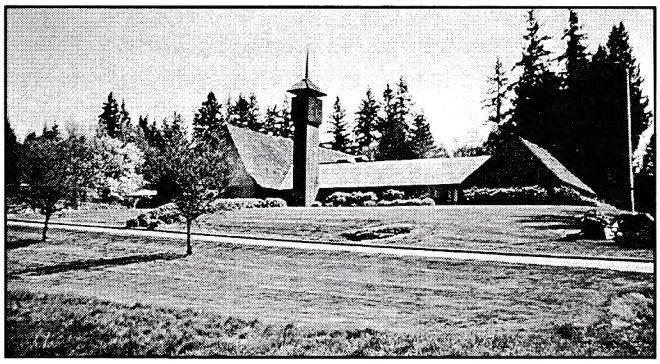


Arlington Book Store, Coins and Stamps. Owners Doris and Jim Harrison. They sold out and the book store business moved to 116 – E 5th St. (Picture taken 1997.)

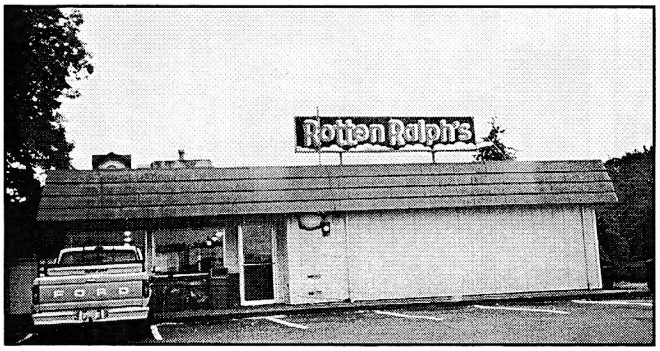
July 1917 - First Chautanqua in Arlington.

August 1918- Due to the Spanish Flu, all funerals were held in the open air, schools were closed for 3 weeks and no public meetings were held.

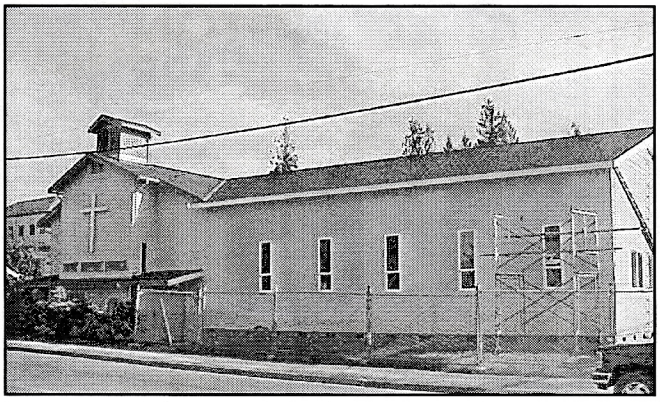
October 1923 - Arlington high School students organized the first, "Associated Students of A.H."



Latter Day Saints Church located on the corner of Highway 530 and the Arlington Heights Road.

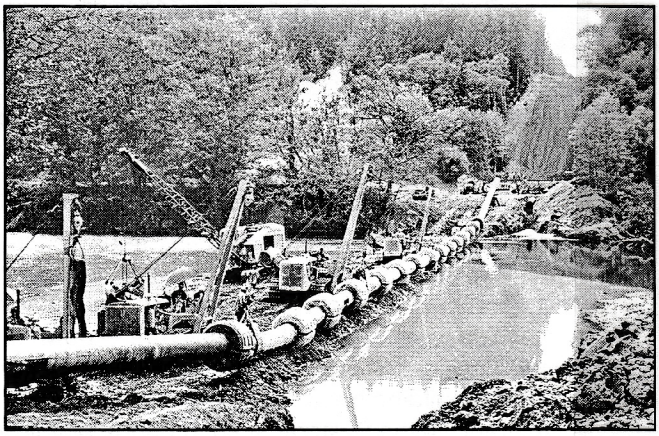


Rotten Ralph's. A favorite eatery on West Ave. until mid 1990's when it was torn down and replaced by First Heritage bank. Much to the displeasure of Robert Roth and friends.

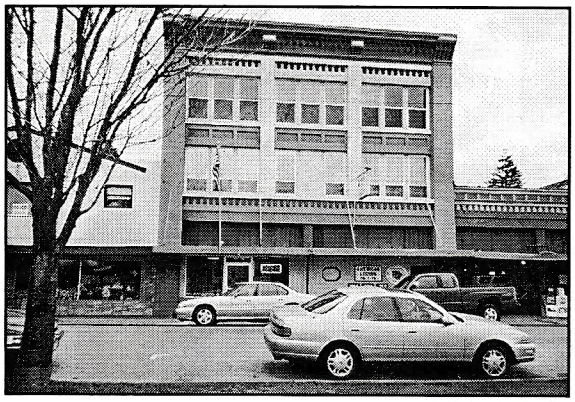


Baptist Church. After the turn of the century the Baptist secured a site for their new church on the NW corner of 3rd and McLeod after meeting in homes and public halls. They continued meeting in A.O.U.W. Bldg. until 1905 when their new church was completed. The basement was planned as a dwelling but instead was rented by the Arlington School District for primary children. In 1920 the Gospel Hall rented the church for three years then the Baptist sold the church ending the Baptist worship in Arlington for a number of years.

Cub Scouts putting up Christmas tree of empty beverage cans at Legion Park, 1960's. Totem pole in background, Murphy's Feed Store and Elevator.

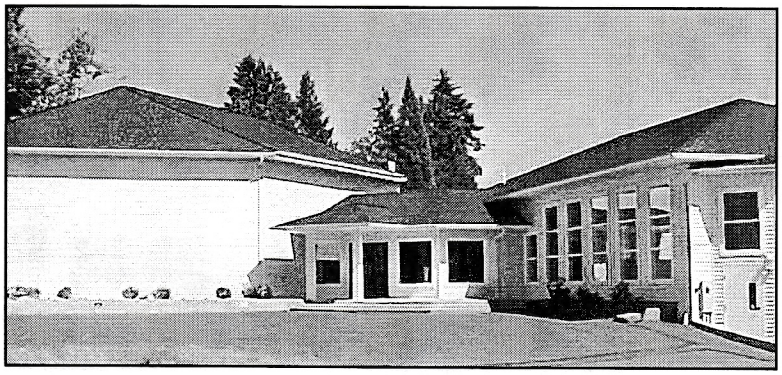


Laying the natural gas pipeline across State Route 530, 1960s.



The current home of the American Legion Post # 76. This building was built in the 1920's for the Vancouver Hotel and Pete's Café. Some of the upper rooms are rented out.

Looking north along Olympic (2003).

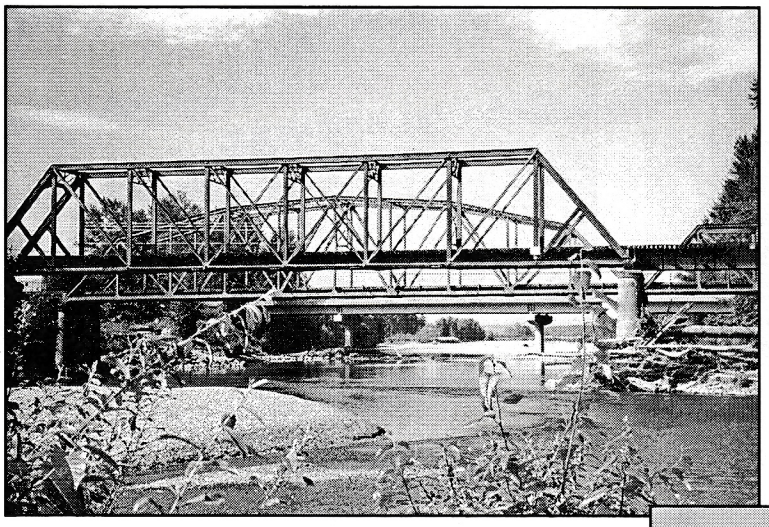


Seventh Day Adventist Church (2003). In December of 1917 an Advent Church was organized in Arlington and they met in private homes. On June 29th 1933 the Arlington Adventists dedicated their new building at Burke and Railroad Ave. (across from the Food Pavilion parking lot). By 1943 the Arlington Church had outgrown their building and purchased the former Vasa Lodge Hall on Nitalcott Street. Since 1943 the church has been modernized several times and in 1998 a large construction project more than doubled the size of the church.

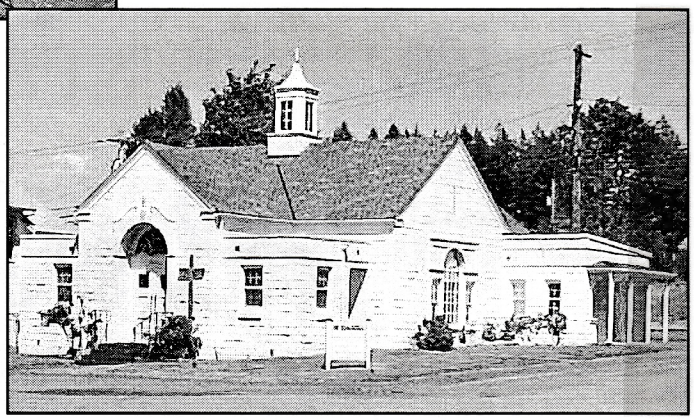
July 4th, 1989 parade entry with Denny Lilloren, Harry Yost and Gennie Lilloren.

Arlington's Population

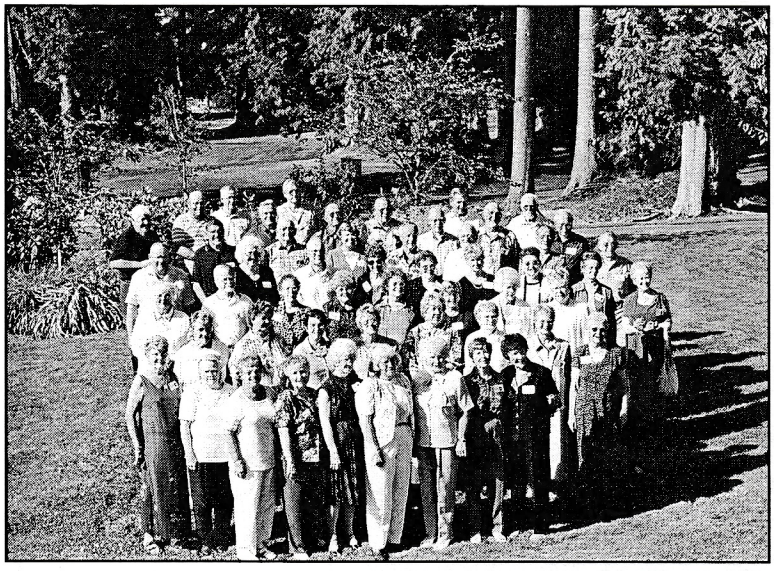
1903 – 800
1906 – 1,700
1910 – 1,476
1920 – 1,418
1930 – 1,435
1940 – 1,460
1950 – 1,635
1960 – 2,025
1970 – 2,261
1980 – 3,282
1990 – 4,037
2000 – 11,713



Left: Three Bridges of Progress. The railroad bridge, the old abandoned Haller bridge and the new Highway # 9 bridge all spanning the Stillaguamish River as a hundred years of growth spans across Arlington.

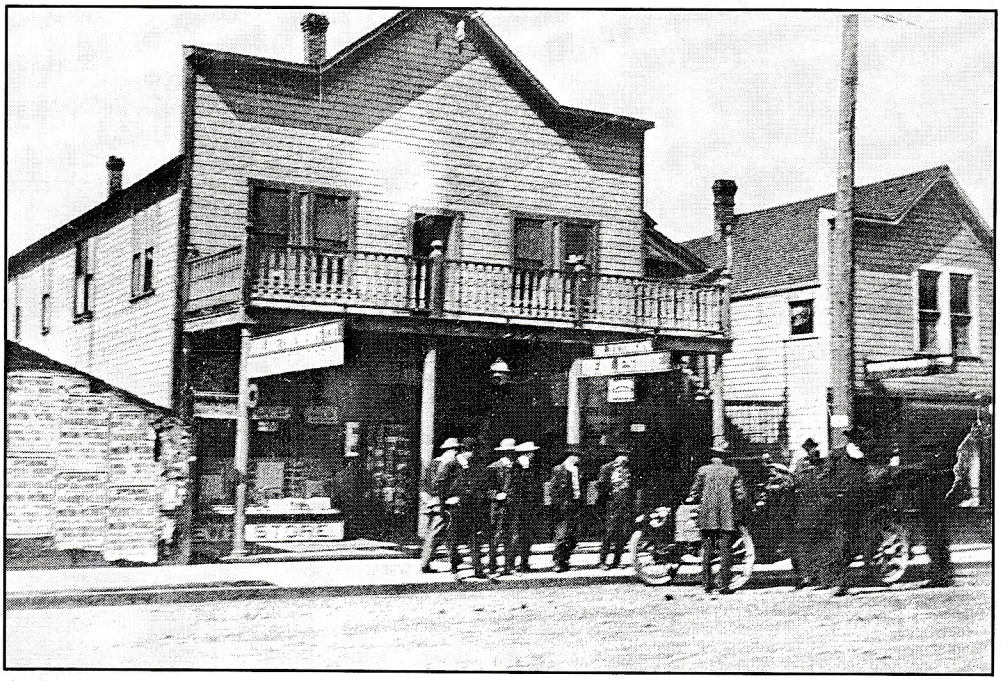


Right: Hosanna Christian Fellowship on 4th and Dunham. In 1998 the Christian Science Church disbanded after 91 years in Arlington. The Arlington Chapel, a non-denominational church, began meeting in 1998 at the Christian Science Church. They held services there for three years before moving to the Smokey Point area. Hosanna Christian Fellowship, a non-denominational group, began holding regular services in the old Christian Science Church on N. Dunham in 2001.



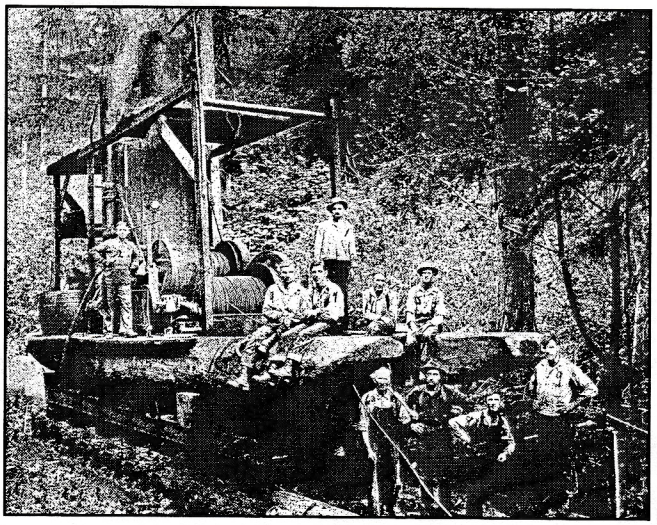
Left: Arlington High School Class of 1951 - 50th Reunion was held at Glen Eagle Golf course August 9th 2001. The class is wishing Arlington a "Happy Birthday!"
Left to Right; Front Row: Joyce Stellges Kenney, Pat Hillis Grotheer, May Turkovich Von Allmen, Joan Miller Wright, Donna Breon Hood, Ann Rogne Hoffman, Betty Boursaw Blacken, Pat Wood Shipley, and Donna Kronfus Pfeifer. Second Row: Beverly Barnier Holland, Ida Mae Cranmore Bruseth, Claudie Larson Hartman, Betty Buchannan Jacobs, Sera Jane Miller Baxter, Audrey Peterson Knutson, Alice Sneve Jacobs, and Barbara Davison Beattie. Third Row: Zoe Ann Russell Hallgren, Chuck Miller, Bonnie Mortenson Drake, La Veta Penney Herd, Elaine Best Thorsen, Marjorie Hagins Kackman, Darlene Olson Bergeson, and Lorriane Engstrom Sparring. Fourth Row: Joe Bruseth, Shirley Hammer Montieth, Jerry Dezotell, Shirley Udeen Yandle, Mary Ensign Nelson, Helen Van Ness Lang, Betty Espe Williams, Mary Terhorst Barnard, and June Kroeze Johnson. Fifth Row: Dean Quall, Blaine Bergan, Gordon Blacken, Joanne Hoidal Wetmore, Leroy Johnson, Robert Daily, Max Rankin, and Ray Blacken. Sixth Row: Wayne Pearson (striped shirt), Jack Erickson, Gerald Klein, Jack Blacker, Jim Wood, Royal Blair, Robert Olson, Laurin Foster, Robert Schroedl, Herb Swanson and Bill Zude.

A Century of growth and progress has changed the face of mankind. The horse and buggy was replaced with cars, and the oxen drawn wagon with four by fours. Young men dressed in pinstripes, derbies and bowlers now sport baseball caps and kakies. Young ladies, emulating their mothers, with parasols and the best of day dresses now don sweatshirts and blue jeans. A main street, once bustling with stables, blacksmith and harness shops, a mercantile, markets and the grandest of hotels now boasts eateries, antiques, health food, electronics and auto shops. Despite superficial changes Arlington's old buildings, much like the human soul, have preserved the character and dignity of what once was, and still is "OUR TOWN."

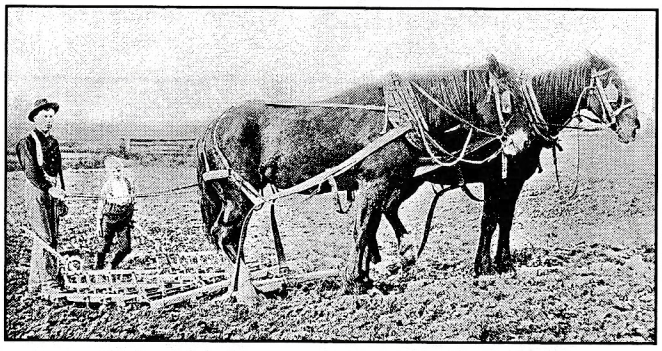


Early Arlington street scene.

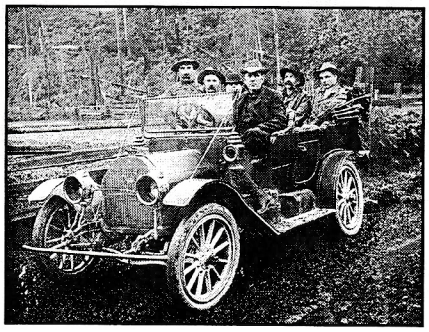
Ruby Ida Bruseth on graduation day, June 13th, 1919.



Eyers and White Log Company at Lake Bosworth about 1925. The men are Sam Cogswell, Fireman; Leo C. Ferrell, Engineer; Julius Brockmeier, Choker; Jess Phelps, Rigging Slinger; John Cyron, Wood Bucker; Hume, Snipe; Jack Eyers, Boss; Hugh McGinn, "Punk"; E. Prather, Hooker; and Bart Bannister, Lock Tender.



Pete Van Horn and (boy) Martin Linquist working for Richard Klein on the Strotz farm, driving a team of horses with a harrow.



Left: Isaac Mattson and friends out for a ride.

Genealogy Library's current location.

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society

Throughout the years growth and economics have forced four location changes. The society maintains a library exceeding 5,000 titles at 135 North Olympic Avenue.

Hours are:

Tuesday	Noon to 4:00 p.m.
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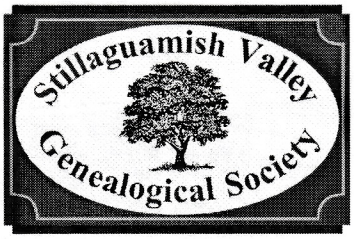

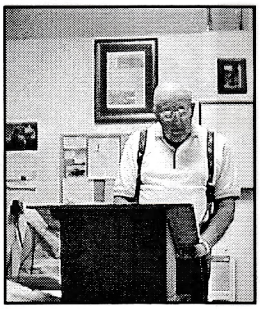

Guest speaker,
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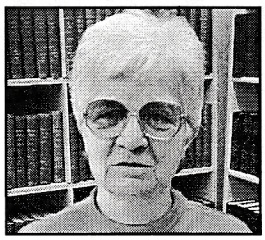
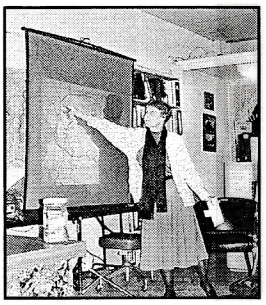


Marietta Roth

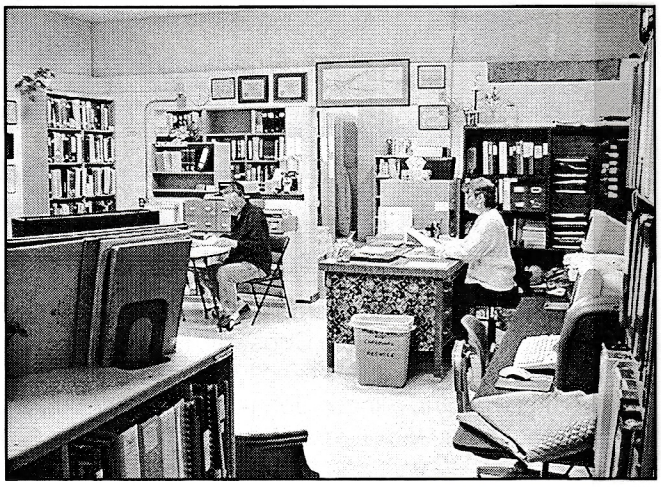
Our Founder

The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society, a volunteer non-profit organization, was founded by Marietta Colbern-Roth and seven genealogy students she taught for the Arlington School District in 1985. The group began forming a society by creating by-laws, standing rules, committees and goals, electing Marietta as the society's first president in 1986.



Guest speaker,
Louise Lindgren.

SVGS Officers 2002. Front Left to Right: Marilou Cory-Nyblod, and Kay Crabtree. Middle Row: Kim Anderson, Joanne Hoidal-Wetmore, Helen B. Hubert-Eliason, and Joan Peckham. Back Row: Steve Passey.



The Trudeau's doing family research at the library.

Publications at Work

One of the original objectives of the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society was to "Publish genealogical and historical information in a regular newsletter and any other publications as directed by the membership." To this end, the society has currently produced 13 different publications, such as a Stillaguamish Valley pioneer history, early land maps, early census records, family group records, and several early newspaper obituary books from the Arlington Times and Stanwood News. These books leave an exciting reminder of the history of Arlington and the Stillaguamish Valley.

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Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Arlington Centennial Pictorial History.

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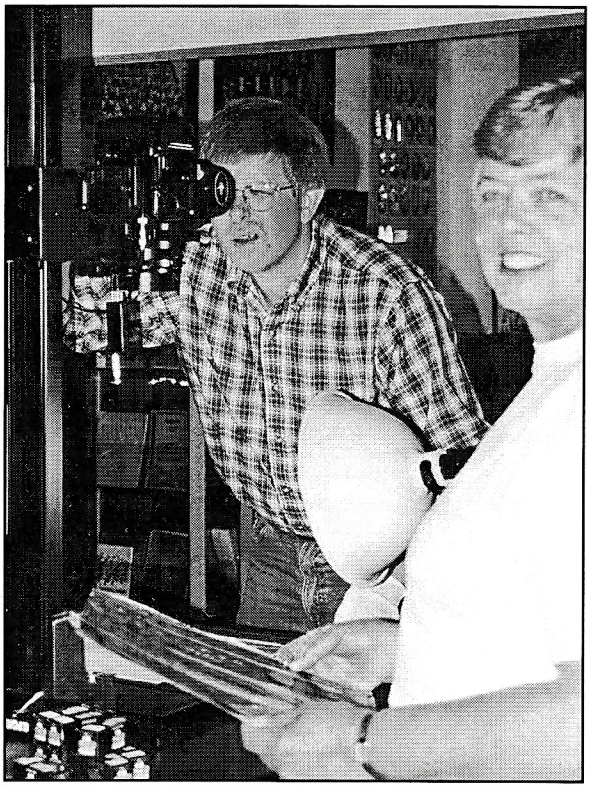
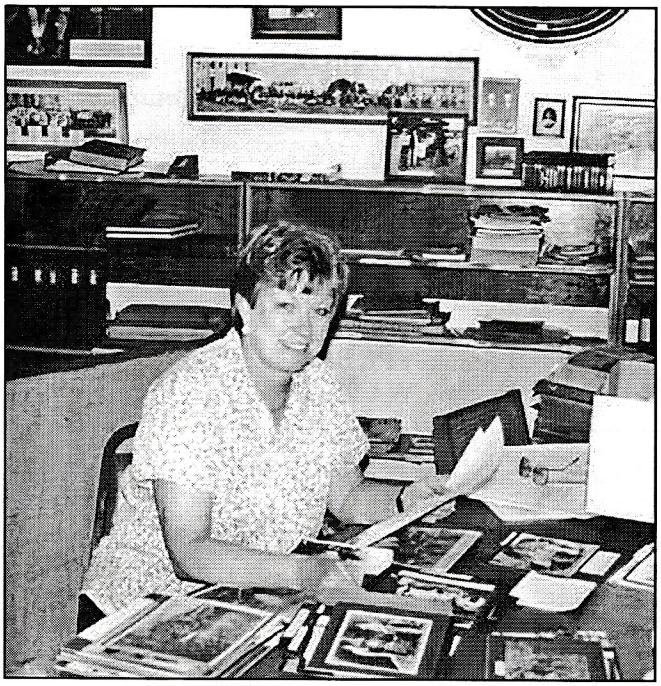
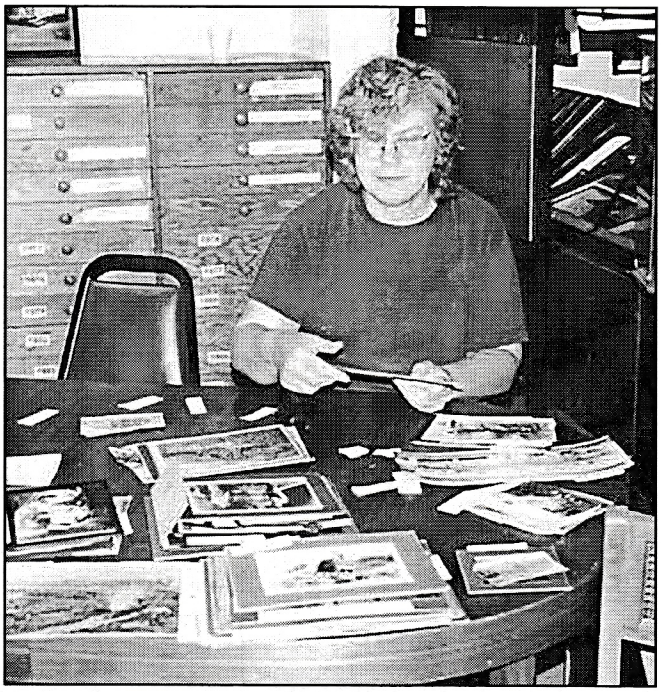


Dave Rygmyr and Joanne Hoidal-Wetmore photographing pictures at the Pioneer Museum.



Mary Jo V.Trudeau selecting pictures for Centennial book.



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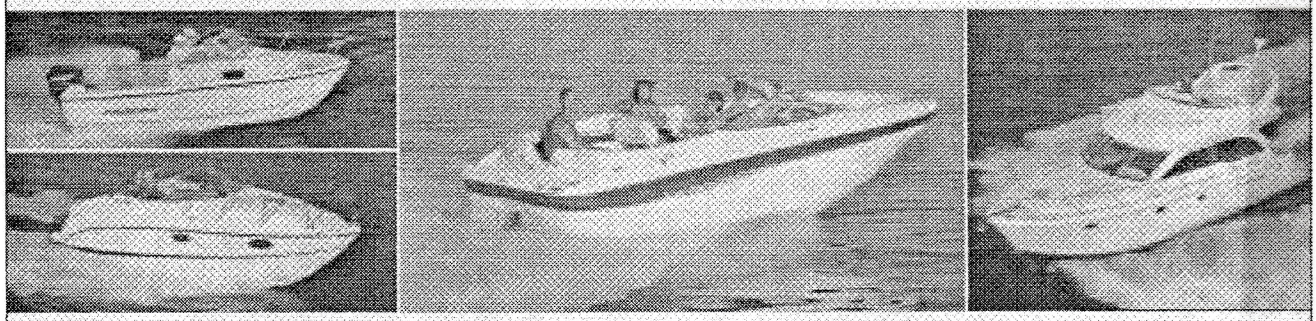

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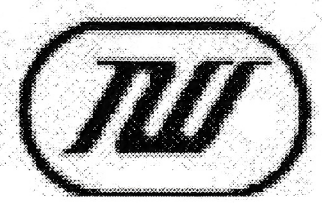

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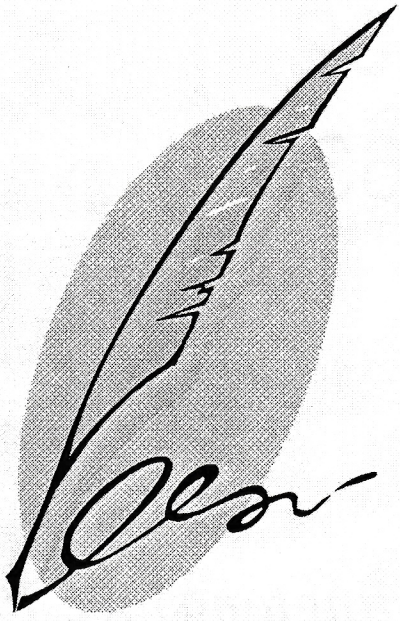

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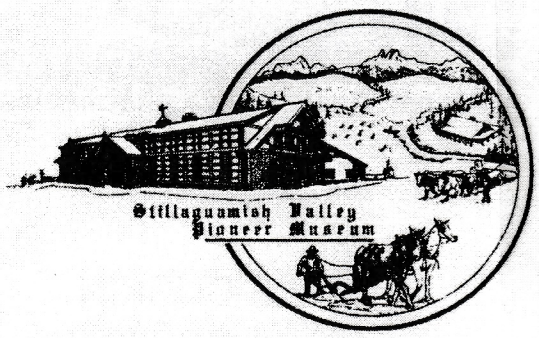

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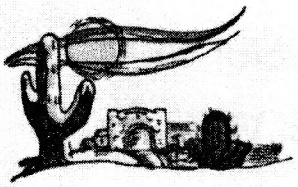

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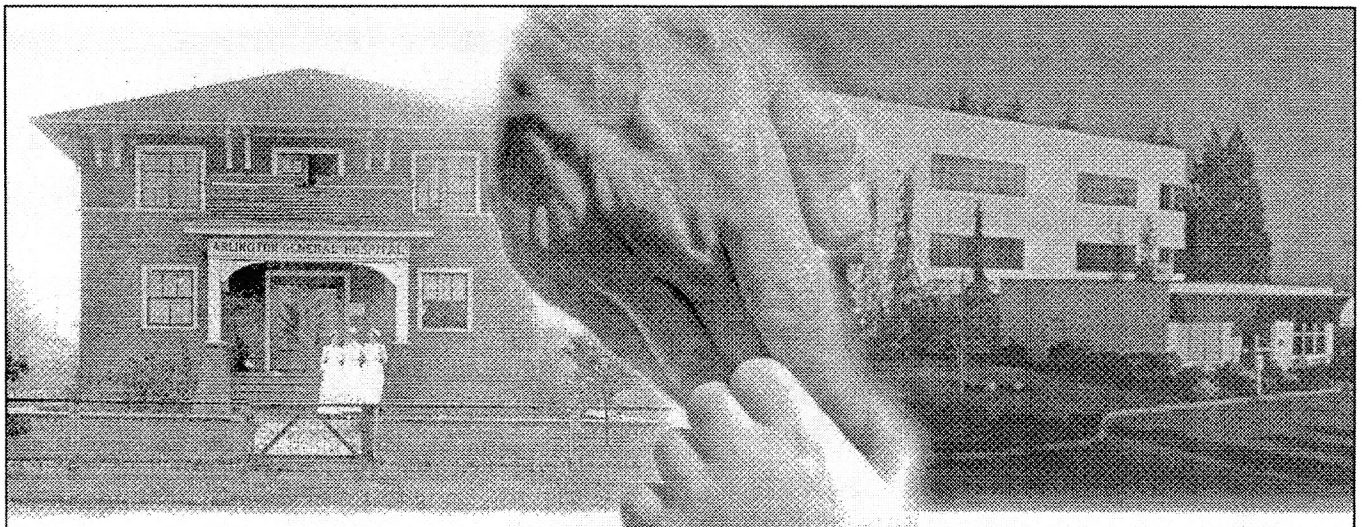

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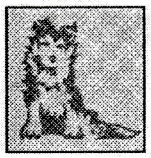

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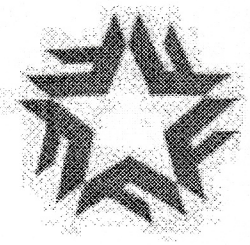

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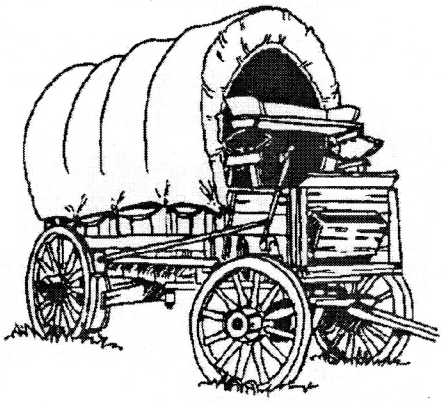

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The Kroezes of Arlington

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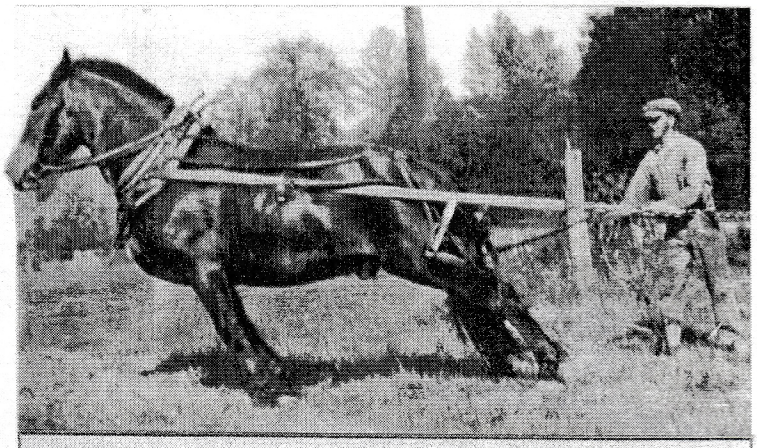

John Kroeze, age 17 in 1926, and his horse, Shorty, get ready to lift a derrick for a pile driver on his parents' farm west of Trafton beside the Stillaguamish River. This horse lived to the ripe old age of 31 years.

First came the loggers, then came the dairy farmers. Among those early-day farmers were William and Nellie Kroeze (pronounced Kru - zee). The young couple had been married in Everett. They started a dairy farm near Arlington in 1903, the year the town was incorporated.

Nellie had been widowed and already had four children when she met William. Together they went on to have nine more children. Their son John, born on December 12, 1908, grew up to become an Arlington dairy farmer in turn.

John remembers the early days on his parents' farm. "All of us children were set to work as soon as we could carry a bucket," he says. "We started out with an orchard and some pasture, but the rest of the 130-acre farm was forest. We cleared about an acre a year. When we cleared another acre, we could get another cow."

John met his future wife, Dena, when he was working in the Snohomish-Duvall area. Dena had come over from Holland with her parents when she was a child.

After John and Dena got married, they carried on the family farming tradition. They farmed the Ivy Rock Dairy on Highway 530, for 44 years. In 1990 they moved into their present home in town.

The Kroezes' daughters, Mary and Diane, graduated from Arlington High School. Mary married Mack Green of Darrington on April 26, 1957. Diane married Scott Lundberg of Arlington on October 19, 1974.

Many of the Kroezes are still in the area. Mary and her daughter Evonne run Evonne's Antique Mall. Diane also clerks at the store. Mary's son Johnny Green works for the Snohomish County Road District.

The Kroezes gladly celebrate Arlington's first hundred years.

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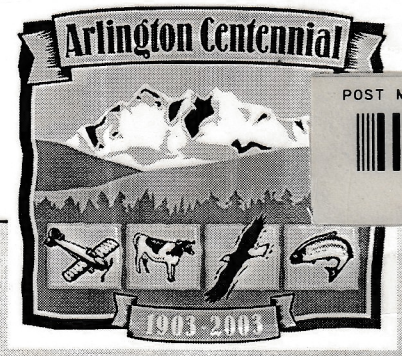

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